

DANIELS TAKES STAND IN NAVY INVESTIGATION

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Points to Record of What
Has Been Done

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MORE INVESTIGATIONS TO COME

To Probe Packing Industry
Today, Railways and Ship-
ping Board Tomorrow

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. — War preparations of both the army and navy now are under investigation by congress. While the senate military committee continues its inquiry into ordnance shortages, the house naval sub-committee today opened hearings on the activity of the navy department. Secretary Daniels and Rear Admiral McGowan were the navy witnesses and they told in detail and with evident satisfaction of the accomplishments of their departments in meeting the tremendous expansion and extraordinary activities demanded by the war.

Other testimony probably will not be heard by the committee until after the holidays and then much of it will be in executive session on account of military secrets involved.

Making Finest Guns Rapidly.
Private munitions manufacturers occupied today's hearing of the senate committee. They agreed that there had been delays at the outset, but that production of rifles and machine guns of the finest type now was proceeding rapidly.

Two more of the war time investigations will start Friday. The senate interstate commerce committee plans to begin its study of the railroad problem and the senate commerce committee will take up the troubles of the shipping board.

Investigation of the sugar situation by the senate manufacturers committee may be concluded tomorrow with the testimony of Food Administrator Hoover, and Friday or Saturday the committee will launch its coal inquiry.

Gun Makers Testify How Production Was Delayed

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. — How production of rifles and machine guns for the army was delayed during the early days of the nation's entrance into the war, but is now being speeded up, was recounted today in the senate military committee's war inquiry by heads of large private munitions plants.

The manufacturers enthusiastically praised both new types of American weapons. They told of private enterprise in anticipating the nation's war necessities and one of them criticized the ordnance bureau for alleged indifference to the probability of war. He said the department heads brusquely declined to consider ordering machine guns immediately after the German ambassador had been dismissed.

Factory Capacity Not Reached Yet.
Orders for rifles placed several months after the war was declared, the manufacturers were agreed, are far ahead of contracted deliveries, without reaching maximum factory capacity. Virtually all of the contracts for rifles, machine guns and cartridges, they testified, are on the "cost plus" a per cent of profits basis, with machinery in their plants owned by the government.

With the testimony of the largest private munitions makers, the committee virtually concluded its inquiry into the ordnance situation. One more arms manufacturer will be heard tomorrow and then the committee plans to open a new branch of its investigation, probably tomorrow afternoon, by questioning Quartermaster General Sharpe regarding shortages and production delays in clothing and other equipments, and construction and location of the National army cantonment.

Packers Will Next Come Under Eyes of Probers

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. — The packing industry will be put under the searchlight of the federal trade commission's investigative powers at open hearings beginning tomorrow. Unless they come under their own volition, representatives of the country's five great packing families will not be present as the commission announced that subpoenas will not be issued for them. While the commission gave no explanation of its decision, some officials called attention to the possibility of giving immunity to persons giving testimony on which future prosecutions might be based.

The specific question at issue tomorrow and in subsequent hearings will be held in New York, Boston and probably Chicago, will be the ownership of the Chicago stock yards and the Chicago terminal railroads.

State of Siege Ruling Now in Russian Capital

Paris, France, Dec. 19. — The executive council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates has proclaimed a state of siege in Petrograd.

London, England, Dec. 19. — A Petrograd dispatch to the Post says that the Cossacks finally occupied Rostov on Monday. The infantry joined the Cossacks, the rear guard surrendering. General Kaledines, helman of the Cossacks, has proposed to the Bolshevik government that civil strife cease, stipulating the independency of the Don territory and non-intervention by the Maximalists.

ALL TROOPS IN CAMPS HAVE WARM UNIFORMS

Secretary Baker Says Steps Have
Been Taken to Meet Bad
Health Conditions

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. — Woolen uniforms for all troops have been provided and are either at the camps and cantonments or en route there, Secretary Baker said today explaining steps the war department has taken to meet the unsatisfactory health conditions at the training posts pictured in reports of the surgeon general made public yesterday.

The Secretary announced that all except one of the recommendations of the medical department had been complied with immediately and pointed out that the reports upon which action was taken were received for the most part two weeks or more ago.

General Gorgas' one proposal that remains to be acted upon Mr. Baker said, is that regarding the establishment of observation camps in which shall be gathered all new drafts of recruits for a period of two weeks before the men pass into their company's organizations at the training camps.

PORTO RICAN EDITOR JAILED

Vincente Balbas Ran Series of Articles
Against the War.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 19. — Vicente Balbas, editor of Revista de las Antillas, who was found guilty recently by a jury in the United States district court on four out of five charges in connection with articles appearing in his newspaper, was sentenced today to eight years imprisonment and a fine of \$4,000—two years and \$1,000 on each of the counts.

The court ordered that Balbas shall be confined in the prison at Atlanta. He will be the first federal prisoner ever sent to prison outside the island.

Balbas attempted to convince Porto Ricans by a series of articles in his paper, that they had no interest in the war and that their call to the colors was illegal.

RELEASE FOUR SEDITIONISTS

Writ of Error Granted Socialists in
Order to Test Law.

Utica, Dec. 19. — Federal Judge George W. Ray today signed an order releasing from the Albany county jail four socialists imprisoned on alleged violation of the federal espionage act of June 15 in having distributed anti-war literature regarded as seditious and a violation of the law. A writ of error was granted by Judge Ray and an appeal will be taken to the United States supreme court with a view of testing the law. The men released are G. H. Pierce, Angelo Croo, Charles G. Zeitman and Charles Nelson, all residents of Albany.

SOLDIER VOTE MAY DECIDE

Mount Vernon, Dec. 19. — The votes of four Mount Vernon soldiers now in France may decide the mayoralty contest in this city. The ballots of these men are missing and it was said tonight a "tracer" would be sent out for them. With the official count, including the soldier vote completed, Mayor Edwin Fiske, democratic candidate for re-election, and Dr. Edwin F. Brush, Republican candidate are tied for the office. Prior to the counting of the soldier vote, Mayor Fiske led by a plurality of 55 votes.

PHILADELPHIA GETS COAL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. — Arrangements to furnish a daily supply of 15,000 tons of anthracite coal to Philadelphia for household requirements was made by the fuel administration today. Famine conditions in Philadelphia were brought to the attention of Fuel Administrator, Garfield by William Potter fuel administrator for Pennsylvania.

tion has at various times charged in incorporate relations between the yards, the roads, and the packers. The packers have contended that they own no stock in the yard or the road and that their businesses were conducted under legitimate conditions.

INDICT PHILADELPHIA'S MAYOR

Smith Charged With Contempt of
Court and Violation of Elec-
tion Law.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 19. — Mayor Thomas B. Smith was today indicted on charges of contempt of court and violation of the election laws in connection with the holding of the primary election in the fifth ward last September, when a policeman was shot and killed by alleged New York gunmen. Other charges, including one alleging malfeasance in office, will be considered tomorrow. The action of the jury assures the trial of the mayor before a judge and jury.

Indictments were also handed down by a grand jury for conspiracy to murder, manslaughter and conspiracy to prevent a free and fair election against Isaac Deutsch, defeated candidate for the fifth ward leadership, Lieutenant of Police David Bennett and five policemen. The murder charge is in connection with the killing of Policeman George A. Epplay.

TRY EX-POLICE HEAD FOR GRAFT

Former Police Reporter Says He Gave
Him \$13,900 "Hush Money"

Chicago Ill., Dec. 19. — Thomas Costello, once a police reporter, today testified for the state in the trial of former Chief of Police Charles Heley accused of graft while in his office, that he virtually was business manager for Heley during the latter's last administration. In the opinion of the prosecuting attorneys the trial which has lasted three months has brought out no more interesting evidence than Costello's testimony that from the spasmodic picking of a little stray money the former chief in a few months received from Costello \$13,900 as the price paid for protection of gambling and vice and the licensing of saloons.

GERMANY'S STRENGTH NOW 154 DIVISIONS

Withdrawals From Russia and
Drafts on Young Boys Makes
Big Force Possible

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. — Germany's strength on the Franco British front is placed in official dispatches received here today at 154 divisions, or within one division of the great force amassed there last July when the German military effort against France was at its maximum.

Withdrawals from Russia, and drafts upon the young classes or reservists have enabled the Kaiser not only to make up the enormous losses suffered in bloody battles with the allies but to replace the men sent to aid the Austrians in their invasion of Italy.

Winter therefore finds the Germans with armies facing the allies in France very equal to the largest ever before mustered, with advertisements of a great offensive which may presage another peace proposal.

The allies, however, are understood to maintain a considerable superiority in number on the French front.

JEWELERS INTERNED ON ISLAND

Wireless Outfit U. S. Seal Broken.
Found in His Barn.

Bay Shore, L. I., Dec. 19. — Henry Schneider, a German jeweler, has been interned at Ellis Island as an alien enemy, it was learned today, and Henry Heuer, a German grocer, is under guard at his home here, where he is critically ill of pneumonia, after federal agents discovered a wireless outfit in Heuer's barn with its government seal broken.

Schneider was shadowed by agents of the Naval Intelligence bureau, who found that he visited Heuer frequently. When the barn was searched slips of paper with memoranda of reports of movements of troops were reported to have been found. The wireless outfit was confiscated.

DISMISSES THREE TEACHERS.

New York, Dec. 19. — Dismissal of Samuel Schmalhausen, A. Henry Schuer, and Thomas Mussen, teachers in DeWitt Clinton High School, recommended by the committee on High schools after finding them guilty of holding views destructive of discipline and tending to undermine good citizenship in the schools, was ratified by the board of education today. The teachers were accused of spreading disloyal propaganda in the school rooms.

ROB SALOON MAN OF \$10,500.

Gary Ind., Dec. 19. — Four men this afternoon robbed Michael Binzen, a saloon keeper of \$10,500, after slugging him and killing Spencer Tillman, a negro porter who carried the currency in a leather satchel. The bandits escaped in an automobile.

LEGAL HEAD OF FARM COUNCIL.

Albany, Dec. 19. — Stewart A. Miller of Utica was appointed head of the legal bureau of the state council of farms and markets at a meeting today. The salary was fixed at \$5,000 yearly and the appointment will be effective January 1.

13 SOLDIERS HURT IN WRECK.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 19. — Thirteen soldiers from Camp Mead were injured in a Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis railway collision last night near Baltimore Highlands, none were seriously injured.

ALLIES HOLDING U-BOAT MENACE

Arthur Pollen, Naval Expert,
Says Tonnage No Longer
Shows Decreases

PRaises AMERICAN AID

"Well Equipped and Brilliantly
Commanded U. S. Destroy-
ers" Helped Result

New York, Dec. 19. — Arthur Pollen, the British naval expert who has sailed for Europe after spending six months in the United States, gave to the Associated Press a statement in which he said that the campaign of the allied navy against the submarine has at last resulted in keeping the world's ship tonnage from showing a monthly decrease, or will soon do so. Mr. Pollen gives credit for this success to the change in the chief commands carried out by the British admiralty last spring and the participation in the campaign of the American navy.

Mr. Pollen pointed out that six months ago the German submarines were causing a net attrition to the world's tonnage at the rate of nearly 25 per cent annually. While the present rate of attrition is difficult to estimate, it appeared that last month Great Britain lost as much tonnage as she launched. The first ship laid down by the United States since the war has been launched and within the next 12 months a substantial proportion of the 6,000,000 tons provided for in this country will undoubtedly be added. Great Britain's ship building program will similarly increase monthly by month, and moreover the campaign of the allied navy against the submarine will grow in value week by week, he said.

Germany's Plan Has Failed.

"The significance of this to the fortunes of war does not have to be pointed out," Mr. Pollen continued. "It means that Germany's flank attack on allied communications has failed and that there is no reason why ultimately the full military power of Great Britain, France, and Italy and most important of all of the United States should not be felt in western theatres of war. This is a tremendous result."

Speaking of the change in the chief command in the British admiralty, Mr. Pollen said:

"In bringing about this new order of things at Whitehall the reformers were undoubtedly assisted first by the fact that an extremely effective, well equipped and brilliantly commanded contingent of American destroyers was already at work in a very important area of the theatre of war, and next by the British government waking up to the truth that the belligerency of America meant not only the co-operation of a very gallant and enterprising ally, but the domestication, so to speak, of a new and extremely intelligent critic."

Praises Our Admirals.

Mr. Pollen mentioned the consolidation with the British admiralty of three distinguished and resourceful American naval officials — Admirals Sims, Mayo and Benson.

"Through these men American professional knowledge," he said, "has gained a first hand experience of the reality of war and has been able to contribute an impersonal and impartial justice upon the character of the operations to be pursued and of the methods in which they should be carried out. I cannot doubt for a moment that the efficiency of the counter campaign is due to this additional experience."

Commenting on the recent raid in the North Sea by German destroyers, Mr. Pollen said:

"The only remarkable thing about such incidents is not their occasional occurrence, but their rarity. Were the British and American navy in the position of the German navy I fancy they would be more frequent."

PLANS FOR BIG WHEAT HARVEST ARE SET BACK

Conditions on December 1 Point
to Lower Figures Than
Billion Bushels

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. — Government plans for a billion bushel wheat crop next year to help the United States feed its allies have received a set back. It was disclosed today by the December crop report of the department of agriculture, that while winter wheat was planted on the largest acreage ever sown to that cereal, its condition on December 1 was the lowest on record for that date. A winter crop of 540,000,000 bushels was forecast by the bureau of crop estimate. The actual production will be greater or less than that quantity according as conditions are hereafter better or worse than average. Through a great spring crop it still is hoped to bring the year's total to somewhere near the billion mark.

HEALTH IN CAMPS BETTER.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. — General improvement in health conditions in the National Guard divisions for the week ending Dec. 14 was reported today by the division of field sanitation. In the National Army, however, there was an increase in the number of cases of pneumonia, measles and meningitis due to new outbreaks of the disease.

MAY SETTLE STEAMER CASE SOON

Affairs of Metropolitan Steamship Co.
May Be Decided Out of Court.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 19. — It was indicated here today that a settlement out of court would be reached soon in the affairs of the Metropolitan Steamship company, Charles F. Morse's former property, which has for some years been involved in litigation.

Vice Chancellor Lane, at the request of creditors, including Miss Fannie Morse, a sister of Charles W. Morse, today granted an order directing the receivers, Edward M. Collis of New Jersey, and William F. Humphrey of California, to show cause on December 31 why the company's assets should not be turned over to Walter F. Read of Augusta, Me., representing the creditors.

The assets include the Steamships Harvard and Yale now in service on the Pacific coast. The action today is understood to be a friendly one looking toward termination of litigation.

N. Y. TROOPS HIGHLY INSURED

Guardsmen at Spartanburg Take Out
Total of \$162,000,000.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. — New York National Guard troops at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., hold the record for number of applications for soldiers' government life insurance. Figures made public tonight by the war risk bureau show that of the 31,000 men in the camp, 19,275 have applied for insurance aggregating \$162,000,000, an average of \$8,441 each. The soldiers were canvassed personally by military insurance solicitors and heard camp lecturers. Moving picture theatres of Spartanburg co-operated in the campaign by displaying insurance appeals on the screens.

AGED WOMAN KILLS SON FOR KILLING GRANDSON

Helped Boil Boy in Lye After
Murder, Then Murders Father
As He Sleeps

Montrose, Col., Dec. 19. — With the same axe which her son, J. O. Bush, used to kill his 11 year old son, Mrs. J. N. Bush, 71 years old, slew the father while he slept Sunday night, according to a confession Mrs. Bush made today. The murder of the child was disclosed yesterday, when Mrs. Bush told officers Bush had killed his son because the boy had stolen a sum of money and then had made her help boil the body in lye to hide the crime. A daughter of Mrs. Bush visited the home after the murder and after seeing bloodstains on the walls reported the fact to the authorities, who began an investigation.

Bush was reported first as having fled to the mountains. Mrs. Bush in her confession made it the cornerer, said she was compelled to witness the murder of the boy and forced to assist her son in disposing of the dismembered body. After the murder the confession says Bush went to his room taking the axe he had used with him and went to sleep. As Bush slept the mother entered the room and killed him with the axe, disposing of his body as he had disposed of his son.

657,000 NEW RED CROSS MEMBERS

In Atlantic Division—300,000 Added
In Pennsylvania Section.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. — Six hundred fifty-seven thousand new members of the Red Cross have been enrolled in the Atlantic division, comprising New York, New Jersey and Connecticut during the first three days of the Christmas drive for 10,000,000 new enrollments, it was announced tonight at National headquarters. The Pennsylvania division, which includes Delaware, has added 300,000 new names since Monday, on reports from 49,400 out of 104 chapters.

No attempt has been made so far to announce the total gains made since Monday, because of incomplete reports.

PASSENGER TRAINS TAKE MATES.

Rochester Dec. 19. — An order issued today by the general passenger agent of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh railway requires agents, conductors, station and train baggage men between Dec. 19, and Dec. 25 to accept at any station for any train at any time mail matter offered by the post office department and carry it to any junction or point regardless of space or territory authorized. This order was issued to expediate the handling of Christmas mails.

QUESTIONS STATE BOXING LAW.

New York, Dec. 19. — In discharging today sixteen men arrested at boxing bouts in clubs either as promoters or spectators, Magistrate Corrigan questioned the constitutionality of the state law prohibiting boxing and expressed the opinion that if the statute were tested it would be declared void. Two boxers who took part in a club bout were held in \$50 bail for trial, however.

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Increased Rates For Roads Around Albany

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. — The interstate commerce commission today authorized rate increases to the slightly increased class rates applying from Rochester, Seneca, Albany and Elmira, N. Y., Williamsport and Scranton, Pa., Cumberland and other eastern points to central freight association territory. The proposed increases would equalize rates already in effect from Buffalo and Pittsburgh westward, as allowed recently by the commission in the Central Freight association class rate rates' case.

STATE "DRYS" VOTE TO JOIN NATIONAL PARTY

Action Not Unanimous, However
—Anti-Saloon League to
Work For Amendment

Syracuse, Dec. 19. — The prohibition state committee at its session here today voted to recommend to the national convention of the party the amalgamation of the prohibitionists with the newly formed national party and in the meantime use every effort to further the aims of the national party.

Dudley Field Malone, former collector of the port of New York, addressed the prohibitionists and welcomed them into the ranks of the new political organization.

The action of the prohibition state committee was not unanimous, 17 members voting for it and four against, two because they did not believe in destroying the identity of the prohibition party and the others because they said they could not endorse some of the platform declarations of the national party.

The session of the prohibitionists was held behind closed doors, Chairman Otto S. Bishop of Utica announcing the decision. He declared that four members who had opposed amalgamation had accepted the decision of the majority and would be found working on enthusiastically for the national party.

Chairman Bishop was directed to name a committee of 16 members to confer with a similar committee from the national party, this joint committee to have charge of the organization of the national party in this state.

New York, Dec. 19. — An active campaign for the ratification of the legislature of New York of the national prohibition amendment will be begun at once by the anti-saloon league, William H. Anderson, state superintendent, announced today. It will not interfere however, with the league's campaign for the passage of an emergency war prohibition statute for the duration of the war, Mr. Anderson said.

The league will press with vigor the organization's work among the women voters, Mr. Anderson declared, and will support women candidates on the prohibition issue against those representatives in congress who voted against the amendment.

17 BRITISH SHIPS SUNK DURING WEEK

Fourteen Are Large — Means
Slight Decrease—French
Cruiser Torpedoed

London, England, Dec. 19. — Fourteen British merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons and three under that tonnage were sunk by mine or submarine during the past week, according to the admiralty statement tonight. One fishing vessel also was sunk.

The shipping losses by mine or submarine in the past week are slightly under those of the previous week, when 14 vessels of more than 1,600 tons and seven under that tonnage were destroyed.

Paris, France, Dec. 19. — The losses to French shipping by mine or submarine for the week ending December 15 were exceedingly light. Only one vessel under 1,600 tons was sunk and none over 1,600 tons. One ship was attacked, but escaped. No fishing craft was sunk.

An enemy submarine has torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean sea the old French cruiser Chateaufort Renault, which was being used as a transport. The submarine which fired the fatal shot was itself destroyed. The soldiers aboard the Chateaufort Renault were saved, but ten members of the crew of the vessel were lost.

71 PASSENGERS LOST IN YEAR.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. — Only 71 passengers were lost out of more than 3,000,000 carried on American ships during the fiscal year ending June 30, the annual report today of the steamboat inspection service shows. The total of deaths on American vessels, including those who went down with torpedoed merchant craft was 532, but suicides and accidental drownings accounted for 210 of these. The year's total was 64 less than that of the previous year, when 590 persons were lost on the steamers Eastland at Chicago.

HUNS MAKE 5 ATTEMPTS TO CROSS PIAVE

Italians Able to Repulse All
of Them By Series of
Counter Attacks

RENEW HARD FIGHTING

Italians Compelled to Give
Ground in Fierce Fight-
ing At Asolone

ARTILLERY DUELS ELSEWHERE

Increasing Gun Duels Near
Franco-Swiss Border Pre-
sage Infantry Action

(By Associated Press.)

Headquarters of the Italian army in northern Italy, Dec. 19. — Extremely heavy fighting has again developed in the northern mountain region and along the lower Piave. The enemy has made five separate attempts to cross the Sile or old Piave.

His main effort was about three miles above the mouth of the river where pontoons and a bridge were used. The first party succeeded in getting across, but after a series of furious attacks was driven back to the water's edge where it still is held.

Four other simultaneous attempts in the same region were repulsed in the main but fighting continues according to the latest reports received.

In the mountain region the enemy concentrated his whole pressure on the heights commanding the pass of San Lorenzo leading down to the plains and Bassano. He was repeatedly repulsed, but with heavy reinforcements succeeded in making some progress to the summit of one of the heights east of the Brenta river and the Italian line was correspondingly retired.

The fight was desperate as both sides feel the importance of controlling this vital lake leading to the plains.

Italians Full Back Slightly.

New York, Dec. 19. — The Austro-Germans have renewed in great strength their efforts to pierce the Italian line and debouch out upon the plains of Venetia in the region of Treviso. In fierce fighting around Asolone in which the enemy again suffered severe losses and several times was repulsed reinforcements of large numbers were brought up and the Italians were compelled to give ground. The fighting lasted throughout Tuesday and according to the German war office more than 2,000 Italians were made prisoners.

Likewise along the southern reaches of the Piave river, the invaders and the Italians are engaged in heavy fighting. A crossing of the old Piave on a pontoon bridge was successfully carried out by one enemy detachment, but later the Italians drove the Teutons to the water's edge.

Intense Gun Duelling in West.

The fighting on the other front still remains below normal, although the artillery duels on various sectors continue intense. The artillery activity between the French and Germans in Champagne and in the mountainous regions near the Swiss border, is increasing in volume, probably forecasting infantry attacks at an early date.

Again the losses to British shipping through mine or submarine shows a decrease. According to the weekly statement of the British admiralty, 17 merchantmen were sent to the bottom last week as compared with 21 the previous week. French shipping suffered the loss of only one vessel during the week and this a small one of less than 1,600 tons.

Little material damage was done by the Germans in Tuesday night's air raid over London, Essex and Kent. Ten persons were killed in London and 70 injured. Outside the capital five persons were wounded. One enemy machine was brought down and another believed to have been destroyed. Another Spanish steamer, the November, has been torpedoed without warning by a Teutonic allied submarine.

300,000 DOPE FIENDS IN GOTHAM.

New York, Dec. 19. — There are approximately 300,000 drug addicts in New York city and many of them are persons of "high social position," E. B. Sands, chief of the drug division of the department of internal revenue, declared today before the Whitney legislative committee, which is investigating the evil. The statement that in recent years the number of drug victims had decreased 50 per cent, made by Justice Cornelius Collins before the committee was refuted, Sands testified by his record.

EVA TANGUAY GET DIVORCE

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 19. — Eva Tanguay obtained divorce today from John W. Ford after the actress had given her testimony before Judge David M. Brothers. Ford was her dancing partner and the actress swore that after their marriage that his habits were so irregular that he would remain away from the show for days at a time. They were married at Aug Arbor, Mich. in 1915.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

New York Markets.
New York, Dec. 19.—No new developments or problems presented themselves for serious consideration today, but the stock market continued to decline, an imposing array of issues rallying to new minimums.

Prices seemed to recede from sheer inertia more than for any other reason. Support, save in isolated instances, and at rare intervals was wholly lacking, gilt edged issues yielding more easily than those of less intrinsic value.

The supplementary list of fresh low records both for stocks and bonds included such former prime favorites as Union Pacific, New York Central, Pennsylvania, Atchafalaya, Great Northern, Louisville and Nashville and Baltimore and Ohio.

In these stocks extreme losses extended from 2 to 4 points while among the bonded obligations of the same properly the shrinkage ran from 1 to 5 per cent. United Kingdom 8s were weakest of the international group, other foreign issues also yielding.

Stocks were lower on the enlarged offerings of the last hour, leaders losing 2 to 5 points. United States steel made an extreme reversal of 2 1/2 at 80 1/2 and Union Pacific 1 1/2. Sales amounted to 150,000 shares.

Liberty 4s were heavy at 97 1/2 to 97, the 3 1/2s being more steady at 98 50 to 98 40. United States bonds (old issue) were unchanged on call.

New York Produce.
Butter — Steady, receipts, 3,791 tubs, creamery, higher than extras, 50 1/2 @ 61; creamery, extras, 52 score, 50, firsts, 44 @ 49; seconds, 41 @ 43 1/2.

Eggs — Steady, receipts, 5,273 cases; fresh gathered, extras, 63 @ 64, extra firsts, 61 @ 62, firsts, 59 @ 60; seconds, 55 @ 58, refrigerators, special marks, 59 1/2 @ 40, do firsts, 33 @ 39; state, Pennsylvania and nearby western honnery whites, fine to fancy, 70 @ 72; do browns, 64 @ 65.

Cheese — Steady, receipts, 425 boxes; state, fresh specials, 23 1/2 @ 24; do average run, 23 @ 23 1/2.

Dressed poultry — Firm; chickens and fowls, unchanged, turkeys, 25 @ 29.

New York Meats.
Beef — Receipts, 2,150 head, market, steady; steers, \$8 25 @ 12 85, bulls, \$6 25 @ 10 50; cows, \$4 75 @ 5.

Calves — Receipts, 1,250 head, market, steady, veals, \$14 @ 17 50, culls, \$12 @ 13 50; grassers, \$8 @ 9 50, yearlings, \$7 @ 8 50, western and southern calves, \$13 @ 14.

Sheep and Lambs — Receipts, 3,900 head; market, firm; sheep, \$7 50 @ 11 50; culls, \$6 @ 7 25, lambs, \$13 @ 15 50; culls, \$11 @ 15, yearlings, \$13 @ 15 25.

Hogs — Receipts, 4,850 head, market, weak, medium to heavy, \$17 @ 17 25; roughs, \$16.

ONEONTA MARKET.
Grain and Feed.
(Prices Charged at Retail).

Salt, barrel \$2.10
Corn \$2.54
Corn meal, cwt \$4.23
Oats 92
Spring wheat middlings .. \$2.45
Flour middlings \$2.95

Prices Paid Producers.
Butter, fresh dairy 48 @ 49
Butter, creamery 50
Eggs, fresh laid, dozen .. 56
Cheese, lb 26 1/2
Live turkeys 23
Live chickens 18 @ 23
Veal, sweet milk calves .. 21 @ 22
Dressed pork 11 @ 12
Dressed beef 12 @ 13
Veal, grain fed 12 @ 13
Potatoes \$1.10

Hides.
(Quoted by Miller Hide Co.).
Cow hides 15
Bull hides over 60 pounds .. 11
Horse hides \$5.00 to \$6.50
Dairy skins \$1.50 to \$2.00
Veal skins \$2.00 to \$4.00
Grassers, per pound 16

SAYS P. O. COERCED CLERKS.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—E. J. Ryan, president of the Railway Mail Clerks' association, charged before a house post office sub-committee today that the post office department coerced and intimidated railway clerks and in some instances discharged men and reduced their salaries because they would not take assignments away from home.

He gave the names of a number of men, many of whom, he said had bought \$1,000 worth of Liberty bonds who were discharged because they refused to leave their homes at Syracuse to work in New York city.

WANT CREELED TO SHOW PAY ROLL.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—A resolution requesting the committee on public information to inform the senate of the amount of salaries or allowances for expenses granted the chairman, George Greer, members of his staff, or others and as to the committee's expenditures generally, was introduced today by Senator Gallinger, the Republican leader. It was referred to the appropriations committee. A general statement of its expenditures without the salary list was sent to the house recently by the committee.

Christmas Trees.
Will have a fine assortment of Christmas trees Dec. 19. Sizes from 3 to 10 feet. Prices, 25c, 50c, 75c. Inquire 355 Main street. Phone 1034-W-2. advt if

Only the finest—coffee beans in the world are used in the coffee plants favorite coffee—Kilpatrick. advt if

Poultry wanted—Dec. 15, 17, 19. Hens 20c, chicken 20c, ducks 15c. J. H. Potter 71 Maple street. Advt 2t

Ira S. Sweet, practical bonesetter at the Windsor, Oneonta, Jan. 1. Eagle, Norwich, Jan. 8. advt if

Christmas tree holders 55c at the Oneonta Press, 32 Broad street. advt if

FARM TRACTOR SCHOOL NEWS.

Announcement Made by Bureau of Production of State Food Commission.
Albany, Dec. 18.—Plans made by the Bureau of Production of the New York State Food Commission contemplate holding schools to train farm tractor operators in a number of the counties of the state during the coming few months. Largely increased sale and use of tractors are expected as a means of increasing production and counteracting the effects of the shortage of farm labor.

To make this use of tractors effective Director Calvin J. Hinson believes that there must be more and better trained tractor operators. The proposed schools are planned to provide for this.

The schools will be held where there is a demand for them and a suitable place. The farm bureau managers have been asked to investigate and report each county. The schools will probably be of six days' duration each. The machines studied will be taken down and re-assembled by the students themselves. The schools will be held in large buildings so each student can be taught to actually run the tractor. The instruction will include full explanation of the theory of tractor construction and operation with lectures by members of the State College of Agriculture and State Food Commission forces. The combination of practice with theory should equip every student so that he can successfully operate a tractor next season.

Anyone who wishes to take advantage of the instruction at any one of these schools should communicate at once with his nearest farm bureau manager.

Basketball at Hartwick.
Friday evening, December 21, the fast Cooperstown team will meet the E. M. B. A. team of Hartwick. This is the first game between the two teams and a lively time is expected.

Dancing after the game. Music by Bronner's orchestra. Buffet lunch thrown in. Admission for entire entertainment \$1.15. Special car to Cooperstown after the game. advt 2t

Trey of Hearts Win Game.
They Trey of Hearts five outplayed the Italian Stars in a fast game of basketball at the high school building last night. The final score was 62 to 52.

Wanted—Storage batteries to store for winter, repair or charge. The 'Right' garage. advt if

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Absolutely Removes
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refund money if it fails. 25c

TAKES OPTIMISTIC VIEW.

Need Not So Much to Do Without as to Stop Waste.

In a recent article appearing in "Automobile Topics," E. H. Broadwell, vice president of the Flak Rubber company presents a loyal and optimistic viewpoint on the war and its effect upon the automobile trade. In many ways this statement is one of the few comprehensive reviews of the present situation. It is refreshingly optimistic in its hopeful attitude, reflecting, as it does, the loyal stand which auto industry is taking.

He writes: "Battles cannot be fought and won unless the men are physically fit as well as properly equipped. In other words they must have full stomachs. The war cannot be won nor the government carry on its program unless we are financially fit and have full pockets."

I firmly believe that as order comes out of the seemingly impossible task which is confronting the government at the present time, they will find the American manufacturers will be able to rise sufficiently to the situation to take care of the government business and at the same time not shut off entirely supplies to their large selling organizations which have such a far-reaching effect on the prosperity of our country. This applies not only to the automobile industry but to every industry. Curtailment in production of cars must necessarily come, but to the thousands of dealers in the country that does not, by any means, mean the closing of their doors. Cars which would no doubt become obsolete will be overhauled and kept in commission. The owner of a car today, who has been in the habit of buying a new one each year, if unable to get that new one this coming year, will have his car put in shape, probably in much better shape than the one who would purchase it second-hand. In other words, by the very shortage of cars business will be created.

The conditions are going to teach us all not how to do without as much as how to stop waste. In the fast age in which we have been living, waste has not been considered a factor, but in the recent gasoline propaganda it was definitely shown that the elimination of waste in the use of gasoline would supply the government with all its requirements. We are going to find the same thing is true in the operation of our business whether it is a manufacturer, a dealer, or an individual. We are not going to stop going on, but are going to find methods and ways and means for the elimination of the waste which does not bring any return but is only an expense.

Industries must go on and organizations in all towns and hamlets in our country must continue to exist for the further development, and if this thought is constantly borne in mind there is no doubt that ways and means will be found by every live citizen



Tomorrow's Regrets Will Not Compensate for Today's Postponements---Think Wisely and Act Quickly

A Perplexing Problem: What can I get Him for Xmas? Something that will be a lasting pleasure to him and a pleasing reminder of me

Often the Wisdom of the selection is entirely lacking and you often have regrets for having waited till the thing you wanted has been sold.

Have you a man friend who ever had too many Hose, or Ties, or Gloves or Handkerchiefs or Shirts? Many of them haven't a good Traveling Bag or Sweater or Mackinaw Coat, plenty who never owned a Bathrobe or Housecoat who would really appreciate one.

Among your more intimate friends and family, an overcoat or a suit of clothes would not be rejected as a present. We have liberal stocks of these things that men prize and would advise an early visit to this store and an early selection, which will prevent regrets for your tomorrow.

Spencer's Busy Clothes Shop

CORNER MAIN and CHESTNUT STS. ONEONTA, N. Y.

who is in business to continue to do business.

We may not make quite as much money as we have in the past, we may have to give willingly, not only to our government, but to the many causes, but our business foundation will be kept intact, because this great, big ship must continue to sail on an even keel if we are going to keep the United States in the place she deserves.

Bliss the ideal tea for all. Its as good a drink as was ever served in Japan. advt if

Fine job printing at The Herald office.

Argentina Cattle.

The Argentina cattle industry is capable of much expansion in time of war stimulation. In the northern end of the pampas are boundless fields of grass where the cattle feed the year round. Sweet water there is in abundance, and windmills dotted over the plains keep the animals plentifully supplied. There are no better beef cattle in the world than those from Argentina, the breed being the excellent result of mixing fine Spanish blooded strains with the hardy native stock. Breeding very easily could raise the total of production materially.

ONEONTA THEATRE

ALL THIS WEEK :-
RETURN ENGAGEMENT
CUTTER STOCK CO.
TODAY Matinee and Night TOD
Matinee---"The Divorce Question"
Evening---"The Powers That Be"
Friday Matinee....."Thorns and Orange Blossoms"
Friday Night....."Another Man's War"
Matinee Daily 10c and
Evening Prices 10c, 20c, 30c and

HAPPY HOUR THEATRE

WAR TAX INCLUDED IN ADMISSION.
MATINEE 1:30-3:15 TODAY ADULTS -
EVENING 7:00-8:45 CHILDREN Under 12
ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY
Ivan Mozukin
RUSSIA'S \$1,000,000 STAGE STAR
—IN—

"The Queen of Spades"
SEE THIS SUPER PRODUCTION—THE SECOND OF THE GREAT
SIAN ART SERIES—ONE DAY ONLY—PRODUCED IN FIVE REELS

CURRENT EVENTS

STRIKE ON!
NESTOR FUN REEL WITH DAVE MORRIS AND GLADYS TENNY
TOMORROW—"FLIRTING WITH DEATH," WITH HERBERT RAW
SON. A WONDERFUL LIVE ACT DRAMA.

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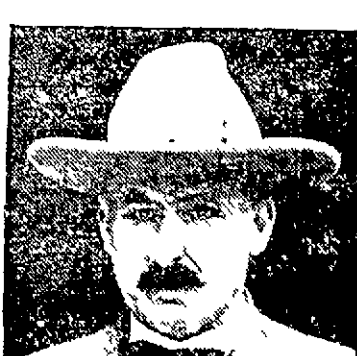
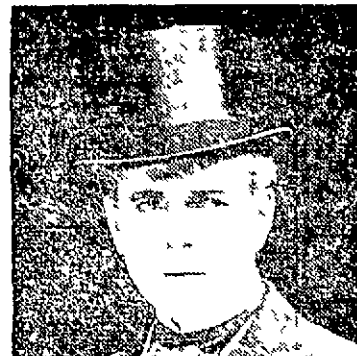
New York American
"The Birth of a Nation" at last eclipsed. Made new history in the film business. The most vital story ever put on the screen.

New York Evening World
A masterpiece of film drama. Comes up to the characterization of 'greatest human story ever told' from beginning to end.

New York Evening Sun
William Fox has done a service in producing it. It is a picture big with humanity. Treats a great subject squarely. The large cast is excellent.

Notice!

Doors Open, Matinee, 2:00 p. m., Overture 2:20; Picture 2:30
Doors Open, Evening, 6:30; Overture 7:05; Picture 7:15 and 9:15
An effort to be in your seats at beginning of performance will be appreciated



OTSEGO COUNTY NEWS

THE SCHENEVUS RED CROSS

Report of Year's Activities Most Creditable—Membership Campaign Being Pushed With Vigor, Hoping to Increase Number to at Least 350.

Schenevus, Dec. 19.—The Christmas Membership campaign of the Red Cross is being vigorously pushed in this vicinity under the direction of Mrs. E. I. Theyson, campaign chairman. Mrs. Theyson has named twenty five, hustling captains to collect in this district which includes Maryland, Elk Creek, Westford and South Hill as well as Schenevus. The total membership for last year was 231 and it is hoped that this number may be increased at least 50% for 1918. The worthiness of the cause is now well recognized and the report of the local branch proves beyond question that it deserves substantial support. Everyone should become a member.

Following is the secretary's report for the year 1917:

Membership.

Contributing members, one at \$5.00 \$ 5.00
Subsiding members, two at \$2.00 2.00
Annual members, 228 at \$1.25 \$285.00

Total received from dues.....\$292.00

Donations.

C. H. Graham Hose Co. \$ 10.00
Rebekah Past Grands 1.00
Schenevus Valley Lodge, No. 52 10.00
E. J. Goddard 11.50
Westville Baptist church 3.00
R. G. Congdon 1.00
Ralph Bennett 1.00
Alexander Pedone50
John Utter 1.00
Manahoe lodge, No. 905, I. O. O. F. 10.00
Mrs. C. J. Newcomb 1.00
Mrs. L. G. Russell 2.00
James Davis 1.25
Charles Emerson 1.50
Alumni association 12.65
L. G. Russell 1.10
C. H. Graham Hose Co. 25.00

Total \$ 92.65

Benefits.

Entertainment for Red Cross. \$ 72.25
Sale of buttons 2.17
Mrs. W. W. Card Party 6.25
Community Picnic Tag Day 63.75
Maryland Red Cross Dance 30.25
Mrs. A. H. Preston, for yarn 1.50
Westford ladies, for yarn 6.02
Needles 1.00
Mrs. Whiteford, yarn for E. C. Davis outfit 7.22

Total \$196.41
Total Receipts \$326.07
Disbursements—One-half of membership dues paid over to Oneonta Chapter and by them paid over to the National Association at Washington, \$118.50; expenditures, \$233.93—Total disbursements \$352.43

Balance on hand \$173.44
The following young men in the service from this vicinity have received from this branch complete outfits consisting of: sweater, one helmet, one muffler, two pairs socks, two pairs wristlets, one wash cloth: Glenn Deal, David Russell, Hubert Stark, LeRoy VanDeusen, Lewis Frank, Earl Davis, Lewis Preston, Claude Newcomb.

The following work has been forwarded to the Oneonta chapter: 23 head bandages, 17 abdominal bandages, 52 T bandages, 63 triangles or slings, 101 hospital shirts, 21 shirts made for the Oneonta chapter, 12 suits of flannel pajamas, 9 nightgowns, several bed socks, quota of cot equipment, consisting of two pillows and two pillow cases. Feathers were furnished by Miss Anna Friery and the ticking and cases by the Red Cross branch.

The local branch has purchased 262 skeins of yarn and 53 balls of Dexter knitting cotton. From this material in addition to that before reported, have been knitted the following articles which have been sent to the Oneonta chapter for distribution: 24 sweaters, 38 mufflers, 35 pairs of socks, 11 pairs of wristlets, 4 helmets, 50 wash cloths.

A considerable quantity of work in

For a Corn-Peeling Picnic, Use "Gets-It"

Pain Eases at Once, Corn Just Dies! Do your corn-peeling easily, with a smile, the banana-peel way. That's the "Gets-It" way—the only way—your corn or callus comes off complete as though it were glad to get off.



Don't Travel Around the World in Corn Agony, Use "Gets-It!" "Gets-It" has cured more corns than all other remedies combined. It's as sure as the sunrise, and as safe as water. Used by millions. Don't take a chance with your feet, you can't afford to experiment with unknown mixtures when you know "Gets-It" will never fail. "Gets-It" will remove any corn or callus. Wear these new, stylish shoes or pumps if you want to go ahead and dance. Demand "Gets-It," throw substitutes back on the counter! 25c is all you need pay at any drug store, or it will be sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. Sold in Oneonta and recommended as the world's greatest corn remedy by E. I. Schenck, H. B. Gilderstein, George S. Slade.

the hands of local workers has not yet been turned in.

Anna E. Friery, Secretary.

MORRIS NEWS EVENTS.

Announcement of Christmas Services in the Churches.

Morris, Dec. 19.—At the Baptist church next Sunday morning the topic of Rev. E. O. Colbeck's sermon will be "The Prophetic Element and the Christmas Story." At this service baptism will be administered. The evening topic will be, "He Shall be Called a Nazarene."

The receipts from the Ladies' Aid Christmas sale held last Saturday amounted to about \$95.

At the Methodist Episcopal church, the Christmas sermon will be given Sunday morning. Christmas exercises on Monday evening, December 24. At the Universalist church a special Christmas service and sermon will be given next Sunday morning. The annual Christmas dinner and exercises by the children will be held on Saturday, December 29.

Tractor Plant Notes.

One of the Linn tractors has been hauling feed and coal from Mt. Otton the past week with big sleigh trailers through the deep snow, which has been almost impassable some of the time with horses, and did it with ease. Friday morning, after the fall of deep snow, it was out early, making a trip to Mt. Otton.

The big water wheel was started last week. It takes but a little water to run it, which is a great saving as no fuel will be needed to furnish the power. It proves very satisfactory.

Youngest Red Cross Member.

Morris probably has the youngest Red Cross member yet reported. It is little Miss Rachel Southern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Southern, of this village. The little patriot joined when five days old.

MILFORD MONITOR.

Thirty-four Baptized at Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday.

Milford, Dec. 19.—On last Sunday 43 new members were received into the Methodist church, 34 by baptism, nearly all men and women of standing in the community. Among the candidates were four fathers, standing beside four stalwart sons, pledging allegiance to God and fidelity to the church. At least 30 more will be added to the church later.

Next Sunday morning Rev. N. H. Becker of the Presbyterian church, will receive into fellowship in his church as many or more than have gone to the other.

Home on Furlough.

First Lieutenant G. Carl Seeber of the American Ambulance Corps, now at Allentown, Pa., arrived in town Monday to spend a ten days' furlough with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Seeber.

Result of Soldier Vote.

Five soldiers' votes were received and canvassed by the special inspectors of election at the hose rooms in this village this morning. The votes cast were as follows: Justice of Supreme Court, A. L. Kellogg 3; County Clerk, Charles Farmer 4; William I. Smith 1; County Treasurer, B. G. Johnson 1; John Oakes 1; Sheriff, B. F. VanZandt 2; George Mitchell 1; Member of Assembly, Frank McFee 3; A. J. Bloomfield 1; District Attorney, William C. McRorie 5; Coroners, William Lough 2; Wesley Adams 2.

Town Officers.

Supervisor, C. J. Armstrong 3; Town Clerk, E. Monroe 2; Town Superintendent, Arthur Woodcock 3; Collector, Ralph Brown 2; School Director, William G. Wright 1; Overseer of Poor, M. McKone 3; A. VanDyke 1; Justice of the Peace, Warren Kilts 2; D. L. Sayre 1; Emery Smith 1; Assessors, Ralph Baker 2, Charles Tripp 1, E. H. VanBuskirk 3.

On the Suffrage question there were four ballots for the amendment and one against.

Albert VanDyke Enlists.

Albert VanDyke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. VanDyke of this village, enlisted last week in the aviation corps of the U. S. Army.

FROM MIDDLEFIELD CENTER.

Middlefield Center, Dec. 19.—The annual election of officers of the sabbath school was held last sabbath and the following persons elected: Superintendent, Mrs. William Cunningham; assistant superintendent, Mrs. G. M. Huntington; secretary, Mrs. J. M. Head; assistant secretary, Mrs. Thomas Cunningham; treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Head; organist, Mrs. G. M. Huntington; Librarian, Howard L. Cunningham; superintendent home department, Mrs. Robert Bramm; superintendent cradle roll, Mrs. Herbert Howard. The workers for the Red Cross will meet with Mrs. D. A. Barnum on Wednesday afternoon—Mrs. G. M. Huntington returned on Saturday from several weeks' stay with relatives in Lynn, Mass., and other places. The sabbath school will take a special collection on Sunday, Dec. 30, for the Armenian and

Syrian relief.—Samuel Huntington spent the week-end with relatives in this place. Mr. Huntington has enlisted in the navy. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harrison spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. G. M. Huntington.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

Attractive Program Announced For Schenevus High School This Evening.

Schenevus, Dec. 19.—The children of the Schenevus High School have arranged to present a Christmas cantata at the assembly hall Thursday evening, Dec. 20, entitled "The Wail of Christmas" with the following cast of characters:

Christmas Fairy—Mildred Cook.

May (a rich girl)—Anna Chamberlin.

Flossie (a rich girl)—Hilda Smith.

Nan (a poor little waif)—Thelma Scott.

Neddie (a poor little cripple)—Richard Chase.

Santa Claus—Atlee Smith.

Rich children—Anna Chamberlin, Hilda Smith, Edna Bailey, Edna Becker, Percy Rathbone, Ada Dubbins, Laverne Bailey, Dorothea Boardman, Earl Nellis, Clyde Rathbone, George Jones, Henry Hawver, Ruth Bennett, Mary Campbell, Louise Nellis, Leona Lowe, Alva Alkin, Edith Bailey, Harold Barrett.

Waifs—Thelma Scott, Richard Chase, Leland Scott, Mary Tessator, Leslie Rathbone, Raymond West, Leonard Bailey, Frances Conrow, Katherine Boora, Carlyle Douglas, James Cook, James Bailey, Leona Jeleneau, John Chase, Menzo Preston, Hilda Boardman.

During the evening the following recitations will be given: "Who Was It?" Leland Scott; "Merry Christmas," Myra Graham; "Somebody," Ruth Chickerling; "Marjory's Christmas," Hilda Mosier; "If I Were Santa Claus," Jesse Palmater; "Those Christmas Children," Alva Alkin; "I'm Not So Very Big," Leslie Rathbone; "Baby's Stocking," Mary Tessator; "Scaring Santa Claus," Herman Schmeidel; "Santa's Toys," Theresa McCloskey. There will also be given a dialogue entitled, "A High Ambition," by Raymond West, Thomas McCloskey, Harold Barrett and Raymond Schmeidel; a concert recitation entitled, "Jolly Mister Santa Claus," by pupils of the first grade; a vocal duet, "Why Do Bells For Christmas Ring?" Hilda Boardman and Dorothea Boardman; concert recitation, "Who Can Tell?" James Bailey, Harold Houghton, Herman Schmeidel.

OTSEGO JUNIOR RED CROSS.

One Hundred Young People Pledge Their Support.

Otsego, Dec. 19.—A Junior Red Cross society has been organized with about 100 members, the High School alone having 48 of its students enrolled. Every Wednesday the members meet to work from 4 until 6 o'clock. During the short time the society has been organized 75 trench candles, 10 comfort pillows and one quilt have been made.

School Closes for Vacation.

The Otsego High School closed today for the holiday vacation and will reopen on Jan. 2.

Christian Church Exercises.

The Christian church will hold its usual Christmas tree and exercises in the church on Monday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. A pleasing program is



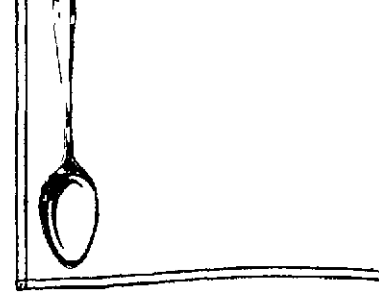
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50c a box 6 for \$2.50 trial size 25c. All dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit a-tives Limited, Ogdensburg, N. Y.

being arranged. At the conclusion of the program gifts will be distributed among the members of the Junior classes.

Social at Cooperstown Junction.

Cooperstown Junction, Dec. 19.—The Sunday school will hold a social in the hall Friday evening, Dec. 21, to secure funds to purchase Christmas gifts. Everyone is urged to attend.

See business opportunity in want column on page 7. advt 11

DELAWARE COUNTY NEWS

HENRY VAN DEUSEN DEAD.

Former Resident of North Kortright Dies in Harpersfield Sunday.

North Kortright, Dec. 19.—Henry VanDusen, formerly a resident of this place, died Sunday night at the home of Bert Scott, in Harpersfield, where he was boarding. He was 71 years of age. He was a man of kind, genial nature and his pleasing personality made him many friends. He is survived by two sons, Arthur of Harpersfield and Frank of this place; also a daughter, Mrs. J. R. Henderson, living near here.

Undergoes Operation.

Earl Murdock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Murdock of Minerva, is in Fox Memorial hospital, Oneonta, having recently submitted to an operation for hernia.

Delaware County Enrollment.

Delhi, Dec. 19.—The commissioners of election of this county have canvassed the votes of all voters, who enrolled at the recent fall elections, as follows: Republicans, 6,253; Democrats, 3,253; Socialists, 1,677; Prohibitionists, 277; no designation, 426; void, 49.

This is a slight falling off of Republicans, Democrats and Prohibition enrollments over last year, and a slight increase of Socialists.

Call today and join our Columbia Gratonola club. Machines on easy terms. Remember, only 64 can join. Fred N. VanWick, 14-16 Diehl street, advt 12

Practical Christmas Gifts

--- For the Motorist ---

Spotlights, Auto Clocks, Tire Guages, Delta Electric Lanterns, Klaxon Horns, Motor Weave Auto Robes, Tubes, Windshield Cleaners, Hydrometers, Driving Gloves, Radiator Covers, Water Buckets (folding,) Tools Stewart Phonographs

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We still have plenty of Slippers for everybody and a sufficient force of clerks to give you immediate attention.

Watch the bargain tables for exceptional values in Slippers and Shoes of all kinds, tables replenished every morning.

Some of the More Staple Items

Men's All Felt Shoes, \$2.00 and \$2.50
Men's Felt Shoes, foxed with leather, leather soles and heels, \$3.75 and \$4.00
Women's two buckle Arctics \$1.50
Boys' two buckle Arctics \$1.75 and \$2.00
Youths' two buckle Arctics \$1.65
Men's Alaskas \$1.25 and \$1.50
Women's Alaskas 75c and \$1.00
Men's one buckle Arctics for \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00.
Men's four buckle Arctics for \$2.50, \$2.75, \$2.90 and \$3.00.

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AUCTION

I will have for my sale on Friday, Dec. 21, a carload of good, native horses. There will be one pair of black horses, weighing 2,600 pounds; one pair bay horses, weighing 2,600 pounds; and one pair gray horses, weighing 2,400 pounds, in this lot. Sale starts at 1 o'clock.

William M. Anderson

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Western Sirloin Steak	32c
Western Round Steak	30c
Western Shoulder Steak	24c
Western Rib Roast	25c
Western Loin Roast	28 and 30c
Western Stew Beef	15c to 22c
Native Porterhouse	28c
Native Sirloin	26c
Native Round	25c
Native Roast	20c to 25c
Pork Steak	35c
Pork Chop	32c
Pork Roast	28 to 32c
Fresh Bacon	26c
Veal Chop	28c
Veal Steak	35c
Veal Stew	22c to 25c
Lamb Steak	35c
Lamb Chop	32c
Lamb Stew	20c to 25c

SALTED MEATS.

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Premium Ham	40	35
Regular Ham	38	33
Premium Bacon	48	45
Clover Brand Bacon	45	42
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FOR CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE.

Though the present conditions at home and abroad are such as doubtless will result in curtailment of the usual Christmas giving, it by no means follows that there should on this account be entire abandonment of it, and least of all that which has been charitable in its nature. Less than ever, perhaps, should proper charitable giving be neglected, since the pinch of hard times which has effected practically everybody, has been peculiarly felt by those in reduced circumstances.

The above is merely as a reminder that there is located at Phoenix Mills the county farm, and that the inmates of the county house have come from all townships, and this city. To those who remember happier things the day would be gloomy indeed should it not be brightened by some remembrance from friends. The cost would not be great, and the gifts, though inconsiderable, would gladden the hearts of the inmates.

If the reader of this article knows an inmate of the county farm he can help to brighten the day by sending a gift. Mail it promptly, address carefully to the man or woman for whom intended, write "Christmas" on one corner and send in care of Superintendent Morris Ackley, R. D. 4, Cooperstown, N. Y., and it will be delivered on Christmas morning to the person for whom it was intended.

It is a little thing, but it will bring abundant cheer.

"LEAVING NO TRACE."

It will be recalled that last summer the German minister in the Argentine advised that if the ships of that country were to be sunk that it should be "leaving no trace." This was commonly understood to mean that in addition to sinking the ships, everybody aboard should be destroyed. In order that tidings of the sinking should not be bruited abroad.

This week the torp-boat doing at night of a Spanish steamer is reported. The crew swam about for an hour and was finally rescued by French patrol boats which drove away the submarine. The fact that the latter remained in the vicinity without giving help indicates that but for the timely arrival of the French boats, this might also have been a sinking without trace.

But what does Spain, which has been a half-ally of Germany think about being used like a common Dane or Norseman?

THE REAL USE OF MONEY.

It has been said that money is of use only as it can be used or given. If hoarded it is as fruitless as the single talent which the unprofitable servant hid in his garden.

This fact is brought to mind by recent announcement that during the present year John D. Rockefeller has personally given \$75,000,000 in aid of the war. The money has gone to Belgian Relief, Liberty Loan, Red Cross the Y. M. C. A. and other funds, and it has no connection with the other huge sums spent by the Rockefeller foundation.

It is at least customary to belittle the work of Rockefeller and to speak slightly of the Rockefeller millions. The above facts are evidence that during the present war he has fully understood the real use of money, and that he has not been niggardly in its expenditure.

\$42 FROM THRIFT BAG CAMPAIGN

Next Collection of Junk Will Be Made at Easter Time by Boy Scouts.

Through the sale of junk collected by the Boy Scouts Troop 2, in the Red Cross thrift bag campaign, the local chapter has realized \$42. The delay in selling the waste material, which had been accumulating in the homes of a number of people since before Thanksgiving, was due to the scarcity of trucks in the city that might be available for such a purpose. In the end the scoutmaster, unable to get a donation of a truck, hired one for the purpose.

Another collection of cast off articles, such as rags, lead, rubber, pewter, tin, zinc, copper, silver, etc., will be made about Easter time. The Red Cross asks that these things be saved in the meantime so that the proceeds will be larger.

The general fund was increased by \$10, besides the above, yesterday, Miss Gertrude Brainard donated \$2, Mrs. W. H. Quackenbush \$1, Mrs. James Stewart \$10, Miss L. C. Millard \$1, and a friend \$5. A friend contributed \$5 to the Halifax relief fund. The East Worcester branch of the local chapter sent in one sweater, four mufflers, five pairs of wristlets, four pairs of socks, 36 washcloths, 18 slings, two comfort pillows, seven nightgowns, and six pairs of bed socks yesterday. The East End Junior Red Cross auxiliary delivered 23 comfort pillows.

Reducing Well-Known H. C. D.

Twenty of our able-bodied citizens enjoyed a day's fishing Thursday through the ice above Benjamin's dam. They hooked a few over 400 suckers of large size, notwithstanding that Lawyer Bridges was along. Bridges usually proves a "hoodoo" when he goes fishing.—[Morris Chronicle.]

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS

Tirpitz's "Freedom of the Seas."

When Grand Admiral von Tirpitz says that "for real security we [Germans] should have, besides Finland and Antwerp, Calais and Boulogne," he defines Prussian theory of freedom of the seas.

He does not mean "real security" for trade in peace times. We had that, and in that security Germany forged ahead faster than any other nation. He means security for the German navy to issue out of the English channel in time of war and reduce the world to Germany's demands.—[New York World.]

Looking for Fourteenth Man

Now that thirteen negro soldiers have been hanged, an anxious world is waiting for Houston to announce the punishment of the policemen who started the trouble.—[Knickerbocker Press.]

Gold Coins for Christmas

People seeking gold coins for Christmas presents and failing to get them want to know if the country is on a gold basis no longer. It is most decidedly, and never so much so as at this moment. But the government and the banks working loyally with the government do not intend to take any chances on letting a little mite of these immense gold stocks slip out of country and possibly find its way into eager enemy hands.—[New York World.]

Not on His Friends

"I understand your grandfather was a profiteer in the war of 1812." "You got it wrong." "How's that?" "He was a privateer, not a profiteer. He preyed on the enemy."—[Louisville Courier Journal.]

The Half-Way House

"Watch the man who thinks there is a half-way house between victory and defeat," warns Premier Lloyd George. It is nothing but a shell hole, and a muddy one at that.—[Lowell Courier Citizen.]

Red Cross Recruits.

If any unconverted Scrooge grumbles because the American Red Cross is seeking to enlist 500,000 new members in this city the week before Christmas, let him fork out his dollar and subside. Here are 500,000 Christmas gifts to the United States, to our soldiers and sailors, to the relief and assistance of our friends and defenders abroad. Eyes to the blind, homes for the homeless, nature for the children, succor to the sick and wounded, comfort and help and strength to the fighters and the victims of the war—that is the Red Cross. It is an army of noncombatants combating—multifariously and effectively for the support of America and its associates in the war. A dollar can't be better spent than enrolling in this great auxiliary of the forces of freedom.—[New York Times.]

The Income Tax

People who are liable to pay an income tax and who have not paid one before will do well to bear in mind that living expenses are not exempted. For example, the single person with a net income of over \$1,000 will have to pay on the excess even though the whole of the amount has hitherto been annually expended. The only deductions are those expressly provided for in the statute. The number of people who must pay will be considerably larger this year than last, and they will do well to inform themselves.—[Utica Press.]

Apt Pupils of German Masters.

In their defense of Jerusalem the Turks placed their heavy artillery just outside of the walls, so that the British fire, if directed against them, would endanger sacred edifices. The characteristically Prussian stratagem shows that the Turks have become apt pupils of their German masters in the art of war.—[New York World.]

Getting Their Dander Up.

To avenge Archie B. Leedy, who went down with the Jacob Jones, 15 of his boyhood chums in Newark, O., have enlisted in the navy. The kaiser ought to have listened to those people who have been saying that all we needed to get our 'dander' up was a casualty list.—[Springfield Republican.]

Fuel in Farm Forests.

There are many homes in Morris village at the famine point so far as fuel is concerned. Hardly a farm in this section but has wood on it going to waste. A little more patriotism on the part of some of our farmers would be highly appreciated. We all need fuel and are willing to pay for it. In the midst of plenty no one ought to be made to suffer. Are glad to note that some of our farmers are enlisting for fuel service.—[Morris Chronicle.]

Mr. White Returns to Tribune Staff.

The Tribune is glad to announce that on or before January 1 Charles T. White will join its staff to have charge of its political news. Mr. White, who has been a tax commissioner in the Gaynor and Mitchell administrations, was before this for many years a member of The Tribune staff and one of the best known and ablest of American political news writers.

Universalist Church Notes.

A course of 30 lectures on the subject, "Modern Foreign Missions," is being given by the pastor, Rev. William Gaskin, on Thursday evenings in the Chapin Memorial church parlors, at 7:30 o'clock. The two introductory lectures—"The Purpose and Outline of This Course" and "Bibliography"—have already been given. This evening the subject will be "Statistical Presentation of the Leading Protestant Denominations." Everyone is welcome.

Going to Waste.

The country would be using millions of tons less coal every year if the water powers which are now running waste were set turning the wheels of industry.

Business and Professional Directory

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The Store of the Christmas Spirit

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Gifts of Silk Underwear Popular Priced

Silk or satin, nainsook or batiste. Each garment daintily packed in a Christmas box.

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Christmas Neckwear

Neckwear is fashionable high or low. It may be a fluffy net Jabot to add interest to a tailored suit, or a long graceful satin collar to relieve a dark frock. Prices 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c, 89c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Boudoir Caps made of crepe-de-chine and satin, daintily trimmed with ribbon, flowers and lace. All the beautiful shades to choose from. Prices 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

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A wonderful assortment from the staple hosiery to the all silk including all the latest wanted shades. Many of them in individual boxes.

Lisle Threads in black and colors, 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Fibre Silk in black and colors, 65c, 75c and \$1.00. Silk in black and colors, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Christmas Handkerchiefs—Inexpensive

Yet in spite of the "tight" condition of the market, here are fine assortments ready for the early shopper.

Ladies hemstitch and embroidered lawns 5c, 10c, 15c, 19c and 25c. Ladies hemstitch and embroidered linen, 19c, 25c, 33c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Men's Initial handkerchiefs 25c, 35c and 50c. Men's Linen handkerchiefs, 19c, 25c, 35c and 50c. Children's white hemstitch, 15c, 19c, 25c and 50c per box. Children's colored border, 15c, 19c and 25c per box.

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For Sunday Schools and Organizations we have some pretty boxes which we will fill with Sweets at low prices; also Candy Canes, etc.

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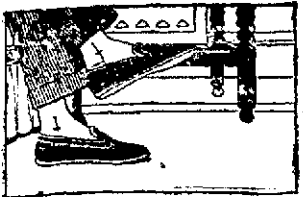
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YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE.

8 a. m. - - - - - 30
2 p. m. - - - - - 36
8 p. m. - - - - - 34
Maximum 39 - Minimum 27

LOCAL MENTION.

—P. F. Gallagher is treasurer of St. Mary's church and not P. J. Gallagher, as stated in a recent issue.

—It is too late to do your shopping early, but there is no reason or justification in postponing it until next Monday.

—At the Ripley-Stratton wedding on Tuesday afternoon the wedding march was played by Mrs. Breta Fay of this city.

—Ice 15 inches thick is being harvested at Meridale. The present is the time to get a crop that will have lasting qualities, according to those experienced.

—Christmas shopping is gaining in momentum daily and the indications are that despite the war the custom of giving gifts will not be displaced unless the conditions become far more acute than they are at present.

—About 60 visiting teachers from the schools of the fourth supervisory district of the county are expected to be in attendance at the conference which opens for two days session at the High school building this morning.

—The country roads are being broken out for motor cars widely and with another day of warm weather the snow will be settled so that it will be safe to attempt to drive at least along the valley state roads in all directions.

—City attorneys are finding the task of assisting the men subject to draft quite a drain upon their time. It requires about two hours to complete the papers for one man and with the number of calls they have little time in which to care for their own office duties.

—Fuel Administrator Briggs has caused to be posted in all the furnace rooms about the city using any considerable quantity of coal a striking poster stating "Uncle Sam Needs That Extra Shovelful," which should appeal with force, especially these warm days. See that the fireman saves the extra shovelful when possible.

—All friends of the Girls' Sewing class at the Woman's club and all interested in promoting its work are cordially invited to attend the benefit party to be given at the Woman's club this afternoon, commencing at 2:30 o'clock. Those preferring to continue their Red Cross work or their knitting will be welcomed and the contribution of any unable to attend will be thankfully received.

Meetings Today.

The Primary department of the First Baptist church will meet for rehearsal in the church at 3 p. m.

Regular meeting of the L. C. B. A. tonight at 7 o'clock.

Regular meeting of Oneonta Aerle, 1260, F. O. E., in K. O. T. M. hall, at 8 o'clock sharp.

The primary and junior departments of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will meet this afternoon at 4 for rehearsal.

United Presbyterian prayer meeting will be held this evening at the home of Robert Hall, 62 Center street, to give Mrs. Rockwell, who is confined to the house, privileges of the meeting. A good attendance is desired.

The Fortnightly Club.

There was a good attendance Tuesday evening at the meeting of the Fortnightly club, held at the home of Dr. Julian C. Smith. The paper on "Industrial Education" by Prof. George F. Williamson of the Normal faculty elicited spirited discussion which lasted through the customary hour and into the later period, during which delicious refreshments were served.

Date of Oneonta Club Dance Changed.

The entertainment committee of the Oneonta club announces that the holiday dance, which was to have been held on Dec. 23, is to be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, so as not to interfere in any way with the Red Cross carnival, to be held on that evening.

W. R. C. Christmas Festival.

The annual Christmas festival of the Woman's Relief corps will be held Saturday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock. Members bringing Christmas gifts for the basket will receive one in return.

Attention of United Spanish War Veterans.

A meeting will be held at the armory Friday evening, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock sharp. All members are requested to be present. Business of importance. A. R. Cook, Commander; R. P. Hill, adjutant. advt. 2t

Here's the Solution.

If you desire to give the husband, son, brother or your "steady" a gift that he can enjoy and will be satisfactory, send him a box of Stetson cigars. They always please. advt. 3t

Just received at Herriett's Clothes Shop another shipment of outdoor sleeping suits, just the thing to send the boys in camp. Better see them today or phone 932-W. advt. 2t

If he's a smoker no gift you could possibly make would afford keener satisfaction than a box of Stetson cigars. They are made in all sizes and are sold as cheaply as first class cigars can be. advt. 3t

Malaga grapes 18c per pound. Now is the time to buy your grapes for Christmas. Wilans Grocery company, 282 Main street. advt. 2t

376 Wright's delivery. advt. 1t

THE RED CROSS AMBULANCE

Secured Through Efforts of David Wilber Canton of Oneonta Goes Soon to France.

Some time ago Canton David Wilber, L. O. O. F., of Oneonta took up the project of raising money among the various uniformed bodies of Odd Fellows in the state for the purchase of an ambulance for service in France. A local committee consisting of C. C. Miller, A. L. Judd, F. H. Monroe, George L. Gibbs and A. F. Christian, was appointed and the work of securing funds was vigorously prosecuted. A very large share of the money needed was secured in Oneonta, among the contributors being Congressman George W. Fairchild, who subscribed \$100, and later a large number of the cantons in the state subscribed satisfactory sums.

As a result of the unwearied efforts of the committee the full \$1,000 needed was raised for the ambulance. At first it had been the intention of the cantons to present the ambulance to the American Field Ambulance service in France, which was represented in this city last spring by Emory Pottle, whose inspiring addresses in this city will be remembered. Mr. Pottle, with whom the committee was from the first in correspondence, advised the committee that the ambulance service was to be taken over by the Red Cross and suggested that the gift be made directly to that body, which was accordingly done.

In connection with the gift and at the suggestion of the Red Cross, two plates were secured, to be placed on either side of the ambulance. These plates, which reached Oneonta this week, bear the inscription:

Presented by
PATRIARCHS MILITANT
L. O. O. F.
Dept. N. X.

The plates and the check go forward today, and Chairman Miller has assurances from the Red Cross that the ambulance will at once be purchased and placed in service. The sum raised pays the entire cost of the ambulance and delivery in France.

The committee and cantons deserve great credit for the excellent work which has been done.

RED CROSS SALAD SALE BY GIRLS

Realize \$15—Boys Finish About 700 Trench Candles.

A sale of salad by the girls of the domestic science classes of the High school yesterday realized \$15 for the Junior Red Cross. These salad sales are held weekly and orders are taken at the Red Cross headquarters. Delivery is made to the buyer.

Yesterday the Junior Red Cross of the grades at the Academy street building delivered a box of about 700 trench candles to the local Red Cross chapter. These candles, made from newspapers rolled into three inch pieces, boiled in paraffine and given a yick, were made by the boys of the school.

With a total membership of 470 and money in their treasury, the Junior auxiliary at Academy street is knitting, snipping cloth for filling comfort pillows, and making comfort pillows, and candles. During the Christmas holidays the boys and girls will knit and make comfort pillows at home. Yarn was given out to the members yesterday.

Teachers' Conference Opens.

A two days session of a teachers' conference for the city of Oneonta and the Fourth Otsego district will open this morning in the High school building. All the schools of city and district have been closed and the teachers will be in attendance, many of them reaching Oneonta last evening.

This morning will be devoted to registration and an address by Edward M. Tuttle. In the afternoon elementary session the speakers will be Mr. Tuttle, Dr. Sherman Williams, and Daniel Chase of the Military Training commission. In the High school division, Mr. Tuttle, Dr. Williams and Dr. Charles A. Schumacher of Oneonta will have part.

In the evening, following a geographical address by Prof. A. W. Abrams, a solo by Miss Emerson, and a recitation by Miss Trauger, there will be a farce, "Eather or Eyther," by the High School Dramatic club.

There will be three sessions of the conference on Friday, closing in the afternoon.

Paying the War Tax.

Railroad passengers who fail to pay the eight per cent war tax will be subject to a fine of \$1,000, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both, and in addition will pay double the tax evaded, according to a recent ruling from the treasury department. The railroads are also liable to an equal penalty for failure to collect the tax.

Will Collect Christmas Boxes.

Ensign Clifford wishes to state that all boxes which were put out for the benefit of the Christmas dinners will be called for today and Friday until all are collected. Any who are in need of a Christmas basket kindly apply to Ensign Clifford for a ticket, who will be standing by the kettle on Main street.

Straining your imagination at your own expense. Value that can be shown and proved, but has to be imagined is a delusion. You don't have to stretch your imagination to realize that Otsego coffee has not sacrificed quality for economy. advt. 1t

A supply of Maine spruce Christmas trees, ranging from 7 to 16 feet tall, can be found at Canfield's store. Leave your orders early. Adv. 1t

See business opportunity in want column on page 7. advt. 1t

Wanted—Live poultry, 113 River street. B. L. Gates. advt. 1t

FIFTH HUNDRED SENT OUT

Questionnaires Are Being Returned and Men Are Classified by Local Board.

NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS.

Under Jurisdiction of Local Board Whose Order Numbers are Between 401 and 500, Inclusive.

There has this day been mailed to you a questionnaire which you are required by law to execute and return within seven days from date hereof. Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by not to exceed one year's imprisonment; and such failure may also deprive you of valuable rights and result in your immediate induction into military service and trial by court-martial.

Twelve men were classified by the local board yesterday. Benjamin G. Van Vle of Schenectady and Ralph W. Henderson, Clarence A. Dunn, Floyd A. Crandall, Donald Chapin, and Frank R. Porter of Oneonta made no claims for deferred classification and were accordingly placed in class 1. The claims of Clyde H. Harrington, John A. Canning and Glenn Wood of this city, to be put in Class V on the ground of total and permanent physical disability were denied and they were put in class 1 subject to the examination of the board physician. Mike Nader and Nazareno Fraboni showed that they were aliens and were put in class 5. The dependency claims so far received will be decided at the board meeting today.

RUSHING THE ICE HARVEST.

Ice Company Cutting Ten Inch Ice and Hustling It In Building.

Despite the warm weather the Oneonta Ice company is rushing the work of filling its houses on Railroad avenue from the field at the Electric reservoir at East End, where an excellent quality of ten inch ice is being secured. The company has 12 teams at work constantly hauling from the field to the buildings and this is about all that can be kept going with the work incident to plowing, marking and cutting the field.

The company is well equipped with the latest devices in the way of elevators and is bending every effort to secure the needed supply before a freshet carries out the field with the danger that a second will not form or be of a much poorer quality. The company is experiencing no difficulty in securing men, despite the shortage of labor and while the warm weather is threatening to stop operations, the ice is not as yet affected by the warm weather. Opening the field has, however, subjected it to some dangers in the event of a small freshet even and it is hoped that the thaw will be checked before the field is damaged.

BRIGGS LUMBER COMPANY.

Begins This Week Installation of Electric Power.

The Briggs Lumber company has for several months been planning to change the operation of its plant from steam to electric power. The actual transformation, however, has been delayed by the fact that there was much urgent work on hand, which it was necessary to complete, and also by the non-arrival of some of the equipment. The motors have arrived this week, and the Electric Light and Power company having completed the wiring, the mill was shut down yesterday and the work of changing the machinery in preparation for the installation of the motors, was begun. Mr. Briggs states that he hopes to have the machinery all in operation before the end of the year.

ONEONTA POULTRY SHOW.

Continues with Good Attendance—Two Days More of Exhibition.

There was a good attendance yesterday afternoon at the annual exhibition of the Oneonta Poultry and Pet Stock association, and the birds preened themselves, crowded, cackled, clucked and sang as if their lives depended upon it, and they were anxious to show off and explain "their own good points." After a day or two of rest since arrival the birds look even better than when they first reached the city, and whoever fails to inspect them will miss something worth seeing. The work of judging the fowls was continued yesterday.

Interesting Plays at Theatre Today.

When William Anthony McGuire wrote "The Divorce Question" he gave the stage one of its best plays. It was presented at McVicker's theatre in Chicago for a long run with a high salaried cast including Virginia Pearson, the famous Fox star in the movies, who appeared as "Mamie" in the original cast. This is one of the feature offerings of the Cutter Stock and will be presented for the matinee only at the Oneonta theatre today.

Tonight the Cutters will offer "The Powers That Be" a political play along the lines of "The Man of The Hour." This will give theatre-goers an idea as to the style of play to expect tonight. Both of these plays are the opposite of the other and are conceded to be two of the best in the repertoire of the Cutter Stock company.

Eye glasses as supplied by Dr. G. E. Shoemaker, optometrist, give best possible satisfaction. Eyes examined every Wednesday. Hours, 11 to 4. Second floor, main entrance, Department Store building. advt. 3taw 1t

Notice.

All union barber shops will close at 9:30 p. m. on Saturday nights commencing Dec. 15. advt. 6t

Don't put your car away dirty. Let us clean it right. We get and deliver them. The "Right" garage. advt. 1t

276 Wright's taxi. advt. 1t

Christmas Furs

We have just received from our Furrier in Detroit an invoice of Furs for Christmas trade.

Matched Sets in Black Fox, Taupe Fox, Taupe Wolf, Taupe China Lynx, Blue Pat Fox, Natural Wolf and Brown Opossum.

Muffs in Black Fox, Kolinsky, Beaver, Natural Raccoon, Black Lynx, Nutria and China Lynx.

These are all reasonably priced Furs. Sets \$13.50 to \$57.50. Muffs, \$6.00 to \$47.50.

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Jewelry Is Not a Luxury

Give It For Christmas Presents

The dictionary says luxury is: "1. Free indulgence in rich diet; costly things, etc. 2. Expensive rarity." Jewelry is not "rich diet." As to its being "costly things,"—is a price of 50c, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 costly? Yet here you will find hundreds of articles of jewelry at such prices. It is the very best quality—worthy in material and artistic merit. And the service it gives, its enduring nature, makes it infinitely more economical than innumerable other things costing the same, or more, but not nearly so welcome at Christmas presents.

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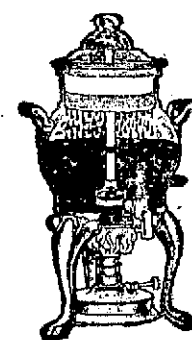
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but don't forget to be happy. Christmas this year must not be extravagant, but it must be happy as usual. Our flowers have not risen in price, you can still decorate your Christmas table as cheaply as heretofore with beautiful flowers. Roses and Carnations, Cereuses or Violets—blooming plants which will keep the recipient happy a long time.

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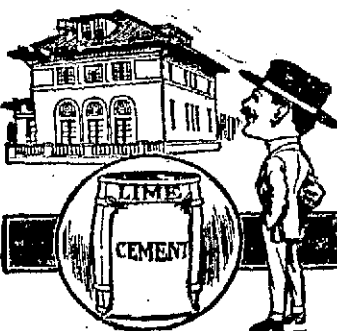
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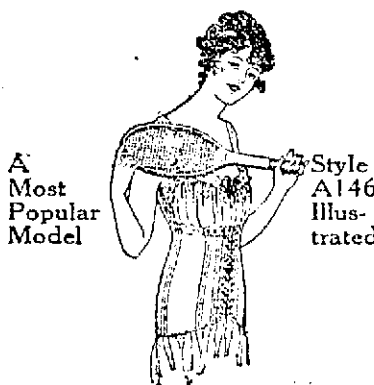
to all. We wish to thank our friends for their loyalty and custom, and promise in the coming year to improve, if possible, our plan of retailing high class clothing at low class prices. Meanwhile a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you.

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PERSONALS.

Sherman Williams of Albany is a guest at The Oneonta.

James S. Cowan of Hobart was a shopper in the city yesterday.

L. P. Peck of Unadilla was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Charles H. Swart of Albany is visiting among old friends here for a few days.

Mrs. Loren Fox of 221 Chestnut street is spending a few days in Binghamton.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving H. Rowe left yesterday afternoon for a few days' sojourn in Albany.

Mrs. Catherine DeLaney and son, Thomas, are spending a few days with friends in Binghamton.

Mrs. James Stevenson and son, J. R. Stevenson Jr. of Hobart, were business visitors in the city yesterday.

Henry Church and daughter, Christina, of 20 Jackson street, spent Wednesday with friends in Binghamton.

F. G. Bennett was in Schenectady yesterday, calling on his sister, Mrs. Philo Bennett, who has been quite ill for some time.

Mrs. Frances Westcott of Worcester returned home Wednesday, after visiting her sister, Mrs. C. J. Barrell, 5 Gault avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bouton of Hickory street are guests over the holidays of the latter's father, John Stephens, in Scranton, Pa.

Mrs. L. G. Robinson of New Elizabeth recently spent two days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hubbard, 29 Otsego street.

Mrs. F. O. Kilpatrick departed yesterday for New York city, where she will spend the holidays with her mother and sister.

Chester Stoddard, who had been spending the past three weeks with his children at Norwich, returned home last evening.

Mrs. Frank Olin of this city was called to Binghamton yesterday by tidings of the serious illness of her father, Frank Stowell.

Miss Harriett Johnson, who fell on the sidewalk on Broad street Tuesday evening and was severely injured, shows little improvement.

Mrs. T. J. LaMontagne of New York has been called to this city by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Wallace Stapleton, 24 Columbia street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Verbeck, Miss Emogene Verbeck and Miss Lucy Rockwell of this city left Wednesday for a few days' sojourn at Towanda, Pa.

W. D. Wright of Milford is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. VanDyke, where their daughter, Mrs. Wright, has for some time been sojourning.

Mrs. E. A. Nearing returned last evening from Washington, D. C., where she attended the national W. C. T. U. convention. She reports an interesting experience.

Hon. and Mrs. George W. Fairchild, who had been at their home in this city for a few days, departed yesterday for Tucson, Arizona. They will spend the holiday with their son, Sherman Mills Fairchild.

Mrs. E. M. Burpee, who had been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Crippen, in Oneonta, departed yesterday for Delmar, where she will spend Christmas with another daughter, Mrs. C. M. Cronk.

Mrs. Charles Salmon of Owego, who had been in West Laurens caring for her sister, Mrs. Fred Frost, who about a week ago was injured in an accident while driving, was in Oneonta yesterday on her way home.

Miss Sarah Sears of Horseheads arrived in Oneonta yesterday and for the next two months will be a member of the family of her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. James C. Russell, at the First Presbyterian manse.

Nathan Pendleton and D. Radnor Jennings of Oneonta, Stanley Roney of North Franklin and Clifford Culver of West Oneonta, first year students at Hamilton college, are home for the Christmas recess. All are graduates of the Oneonta High school.

District Superintendent E. A. Martin departed yesterday for Ithaca, where he held a district conference in the Methodist Episcopal church last evening. Thursday he will be at McClure and Sanford and on Saturday and Sunday at Milford and Westville.

Mrs. Homer J. Rogers of this city received tidings yesterday of the death of her brother, Frank A. Kraft of New Albany, Ind. The deceased was 64 years of age and for more than 40 years had been an undertaker in that city. Mrs. Rogers departed last evening to attend the funeral, which will be held on Saturday.

Supply Sergeant McIntosh and Cook C. P. Egglestone, members of Company G, First New York Infantry, arrived in Oneonta on the sleeper yesterday morning from Spartanburg, S. C., to spend a 14-day furlough. Mr. McIntosh will be the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McIntosh, 7 Otsego street, and Mr. Egglestone will visit his sister, Mrs. Emma Bolles, Huntington avenue.

Received Honorable Discharge.

Charles Weed, who left this city on October 6 with the detachment of enrolled men for Camp Devens, arrived in Oneonta Tuesday evening and is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Weed, 20 Gault avenue. Mr. Weed received an honorable discharge for physical disability, having been a sufferer for a long time from broken arches.

Something for the Kids.

Drawing books, pencil boxes, dolls, handkerchiefs, pictures, china dishes. Your choice of these articles with one pound of baking powder. Grant Union Tea company. advt. 7c

Overland Roadster, good condition, extra tire, \$100.00. Royer side car, nearly new. C. M. Ives, Davenport. advt. 1c

Housewives should insist on having their shoes perfectly pure and of great strength. Baker's extracts. advt. 1c

REPORTS GREATLY EXAGGERATED

LITTLE SICKNESS AT CAMP WADSWORTH DESPITE CONTRARY REPORTS.

Only Nine Cases of Pneumonia with No Diphtheria or Other Contagious Diseases, Says the Official Report—Persistent Rumors of Deaths Unfounded.

For several days there have been persistent rumors of deaths from exposure and contagious diseases at Camp Wadsworth at Spartanburg, S. C., where the men of Company G are located, which, when finally traced, prove to have been not authentic and doubtless fostered by some who desired to create uneasiness on the part of friends at home. Some of the reports have been attributed to men returning from Spartanburg, but the men recently arriving from there deny their authenticity.

The following clipping received last evening, taken from the Spartanburg Herald of Sunday, will interest all readers:

According to the weekly report made to the war department by Lieut. Col. E. H. Maloney, division surgeon, there are only nine cases of pneumonia in the base hospital, no typhoid or para-typhoid, no scarlet fever or other contagious diseases. There have been a few cases of measles in camp, but they have been of a mild type, and there has been nothing approaching an epidemic. All cases of measles are promptly isolated and there has been no spread of the disease. There were two deaths in camp during the week, one from pneumonia and one from tuberculosis. The sick rate has shown a marked decrease during the week.

"It is a fine showing," said Col. Maloney. "There are approximately 22,000 men in camp. I don't suppose there is as little sickness in any city of equal population anywhere in the country. The cold weather and snow of the past week have apparently been beneficial to the health of the men in camp, as the sick rate has shown a marked decrease. We think it little short of wonderful that we have only nine cases of pneumonia. The figures speak for themselves, and give the lie to 'any reports that may have been circulated as to the sufferings of the officers and men in camp here. We are getting along all right, and we will be mighty thankful if conditions never get any worse with us."

The medical officers in camp, under the direction of Col. Maloney, division surgeon, and Col. Montgomery, division sanitary inspector, are constantly on the alert to keep down disease and to check the spread of disease if it should develop. They are proceeding on the theory that it is easier and better to prevent disease than to cure it after it starts, and the figures as to the sick report tell the whole story of the results that have been accomplished.

Sergeant Elbert N. Patton of the old Company G, First regiment, has been detailed from Company G, 107th Infantry, as a representative of the Second battalion to the School of the Line at Camp Wadsworth for a snipers' course of 16 days.

The New York Herald of Sunday last contained an excellent group photograph of the officers of the 107th Infantry.

Carson Boys Join the Colors.

John and Alex, Carson, well known young men of the city, the former having been in the employ of the Standard Oil company at Albany for some time and the latter a student at Holy Cross, have volunteered for service with the naval reserves. John has been assigned to the lubricating man with the naval flying corps and after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carson, here, will leave to report Dec. 27 at Bay Shore, Long Island. Alex, expects to be called to report at the Charleston Navy yard at Boston, Mass., soon after Jan. 1. Both are young men that will do credit to their home city.

Receives Honors in Art School.

Chester R. Miller, son of C. C. Miller of this city, in a competitive examination recently, in which the whole of the Freshman art class of the Pratt Institute competed, stood second among ten who won a special course in sculpture. At the Christmas art fair, held recently, he was the only one among 1,500 freshmen to have a picture accepted for the fair, and at the auction afterwards his picture brought the highest sum of any picture by a student.

Mr. Miller will arrive in Oneonta this evening and will spend the holiday vacation with his parents.

Prayer Service for Mrs. Linnaberry.

A brief service, consisting of reading of scriptures and prayer was held last evening for the late Mrs. Almada L. Linnaberry at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Warner, 22 Fonda avenue. The services were conducted by Rev. B. M. Johns of the Methodist Episcopal church. The body will be taken today to her old home in Erin, this state, where the funeral and interment will be held on Friday.

Service Flag for Emory Harlow.

Mrs. Albert Morse, 21 Broad street, has hung out a service flag in honor of her son, Emory Frost Harlow, who is on the McDougal, one of the destroyers of the United States Atlantic fleet.

Birds.

Born, Dec. 19, to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Young of 26 London avenue, a son.

Liberty Bonds Accepted

On all clothing purchased and the difference returned to you in cash. Rochester Clothing Co., 142 Main street, Oneonta, N. Y. advt. 3c

Try a Stetson Brief. They are the equal of many ten-cent cigars and are still sold at 5 cents. Ask your dealer for them. advt. 3c

DEATHS.

Thomas Howley.

Thomas Howley, a native of Maryland and for nearly all his life a resident of that township, died at 3:30 p. m. yesterday afternoon at the Fox Memorial hospital in this city. His illness, who was only of a few days' duration, was of obstruction of the bowels. His condition, which at first did not seem serious, became worse on Tuesday and he was brought to the hospital for an operation. A weakness of his heart, however, did not permit this to be performed, and he died as above stated. His wife, who accompanied him to Oneonta, was with him to the last.

Mr. Howley was born 49 years ago in Schenectady and was a son of the late Patrick Howley of that village. He was married April 25, 1900, to Miss Flora Green of that village. Thereafter his home was at Elk Creek, and of recent years on what was formerly known as the W. H. Chamberlain farm, owned by him. Besides his wife he is survived by one brother, John Howley of Otsego. Frank Green of Westville is a brother-in-law and Miss Jennie M. Green of the Oneonta Normal faculty, a sister-in-law of the deceased.

The body of the deceased was taken yesterday to Elk Creek. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

Mr. Howley was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and devoted to its interests. He was also a member of the Schenectady Masonic lodge and of the grange at Elk Creek. A quiet and unassuming man, of perfect poise and self-possession, he was a devoted husband, a faithful friend, a kind neighbor and in all respects a worthy and exemplary citizen. There will be many to lament with the sorrowing wife over the departure of one whose heart was pure, and his whole life one of service.

C. N. Hubbell.

Middlefield, Dec. 19. — C. N. Hubbell died at his home in this village this morning, after a two days' illness of pleuro pneumonia. Deceased was born 67 years ago in this township, where he had resided all his life. He was an industrious farmer and much respected by all who knew him. For the last six years he had been a town assessor.

Mr. Hubbell is survived by his wife and one brother, E. S. Hubbell, and one sister, Mrs. C. H. Butler, both of this place. The funeral services will be held from his late home on Saturday at 12 o'clock and from the Baptist church at 1 o'clock. Rev. W. W.

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Ward, pastor of the church, will officiate with burial in the village cemetery.

Charles Wager, Jr.

Charles Wager Jr., formerly of Portlandville, died at his home at 25 Dietz street last evening. Further reference to his life with the funeral announcement will be made in a later issue.

Wanted at Williams Market—Turkeys, fowls, chickens, duck and geese for Xmas and New Year's trade. Highest market prices paid. advt. 1c

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FINE LINGERIE

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We also show Crepe de Chine and Italian Silk Underwear in pleasing variety.

FANCY TURKISH TOWELS FOR XMAS GIFTS

Many pretty ones here to choose from. Some have fancy Jacquard centers and pink, blue or gold borders, which make nice coming jackets. Some with guest towel and washcloth to match.

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Silk Lined Mocha Glove gray only, \$2.50.

Velvet Bags.

Excellent quality in a brown, taupe, gray, black, with inside purse and mitts \$1.75 and \$3.00.

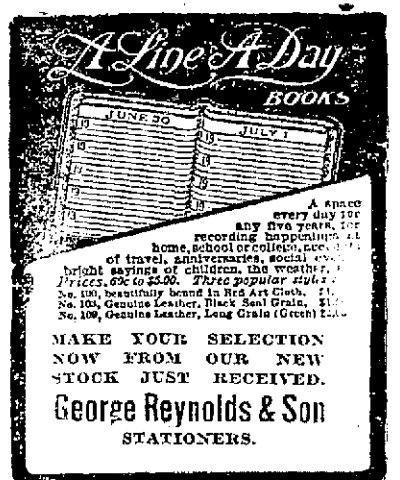
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TO RENT—Flat, 107 Elm street. Modern improvements. Phone 243.

FOR RENT—Rooms second floor, 215 Main street. D. Baldwin, 57 Dietz street.

HOUSE TO RENT—At 70 Main street. Modern improvements. Inquire Mrs. L. E. Yashner, 21 Main street.

TO RENT—Lower flat at 50 Cherry street, with water and toilet. Six rooms. Phone 109-M.

TO RENT OR FOR SALE—On easy terms, a good ten room house and an acre of choice land for gardening. 231 River street. Inquire of I. E. Osterhout or S. Peters, 21 Main street.

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TO RENT—Suite of eight rooms, upper floor, 9 South Main street.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Canary birds. Inquire 400 Main street, Oneonta, N. Y.

FOR SALE—Pure bred Holstein bull calf from 20-pound sire; also, growing calves, calves and cabbages. Frank E. Potter, West Oneonta.

FOR SALE—Two hundred account McCaskey register with cash drawer. One hour case, \$25.10. O. H. Edwards, Stamford, N. Y.

SAFE—New, large office safe, special cabinet arrangement, one-half value. Fitch, Warren county, Oneonta.

POTATOES—\$1.30 per bushel delivered, cabbage 50¢ per head. Phone 718-F14.

TWO FARMS—Three miles from Oneonta, plenty of water. Write Wallace Quackenbush, Oneonta, N. Y.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT—Farm of 65 acres, one mile from state road on R. D. line. Timber enough on place to pay for same. Address C. M. E., care of Oneonta Star.

FOR SALE—Fifteen hundred pounds of first class beef for sale, at 30 Gilbert street. Friday and Saturday. Buy 100 lbs. or orders under 10 pounds delivered. All sales sliced, 2¢; roasts, 15¢ to 18¢; stew meats 13¢ to 15¢. R. D. Decker, phone 612.

FOR SALE—Five cows, fresh and culling fresh soon. F. J. VanDusen, Fergusonville, N. Y.

FOR SALE—Second hand buy press. A. J. M. Decker.

FOR SALE—My farm of 250 acres, located in Laurens village. Will keep 60 head of stock, buildings in good repair. Will sell with or without stock and crops. Welcome 11. Parish.

FOR SALE—A farm 105 acres, one-half mile from heart of city. A dandy milk producing farm. Minard Haman, 100 West street.

TWO FAMILY HOUSE—West street, modern improvements, one-quarter acre land, fine for residence or investment, \$2,800. Nearly new eight-room house. Spruce street, all improvements, fine lot, \$2,000 down and monthly payments, \$12.00. New house at West End, all improvements, electric lights, easy terms, \$2,500. New house, Dupont street, \$2,500. Fine house, Lamoine avenue, modern improvements, easy terms, \$2,500. Fred N. VanWine, 14 Dietz street, phone 213.

FOR SALE—Beef by the quarter. Delivered to any part of the city. Prices right. C. H. or E. W. Walling, 6 East street. Phone 1067-W.

FOR SALE—Two cows, now down, Minard Haman, 100 West street.

FOR SALE—Baby carriage and pailor lot. Inquire 35 West street.

FOR SALE—House and lot in Oneonta, all improvements, five minutes from post office. Bargain to quick buyer if sold before January 1. Write or inquire, 222 Main street, Cooperstown.

ONE CENT A WORD

FOR SALE—Nine room house, electric lights, toilet and bath, cement cellar bottom, hot or cold water, basement barn, place for 100 fowls, auto, horse, etc. New fruit, garden. On Main street, Laurens village. Will sell cheap for cash, if sold at once. Price \$1,800. \$1,000 down. Inquire Bargain, care Star.

FOR SALE—Model 17 Buick, remodeled into a truck of 1,000 pounds capacity, overhauled and first class condition, newly painted. Considering the present high prices of motor vehicles this is a bargain at \$2,800. Inquire at 30 Gilbert street.

FOR SALE—Lay team, 9 years old, known as Vandergrift team, with harness, \$180. Charles L. Kenyon, Maryland, N. Y.

WILLETTS—Two hundred single comb, White Leghorns in fine condition, having one-half to one inch of comb. L. E. Ingoldisby, Cooperstown, N. Y.

FOR SALE—Three hundred White Leghorn pullets, for lack of housing. Elinorus Farms, Oneonta. Price, 75 cents.

TWENTY-FIVE LIGHT—Acres of gas plant, 100 ft. in first class working condition, cost \$100, will sell for \$25. Reason for selling, want to wire all buildings for electricity. C. F. Ingoldisby, Hartwick Seminary, N. Y.

FOR SALE—Two fresh cows, eight handing good calves, young and right. Jersey and Guernsey. Harry Edgerton, Morris, N. Y.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Good dairy farm, will keep 25 cows and team. W. S. Stilson, Oneonta, N. Y.

FOR SALE—Nearly new seven room house, all improvements, garage, Chestnut street, \$2,300. Nearly new six room bungalow, all improvements, large lot, West street, \$2,800. Two houses on Center street, all improvements, \$2,500 and \$3,500. Nearly new seven room cottage, hot water heat, all improvements, good location, \$2,000. Nine room house, large lot, furnace, bath, Ford garage, Keeney & Wells.

FOR SALE—Largest lot in Oneonta, having small, all improvements, near Normal school. Ten two family houses in various locations. Inquire at N. Murdock, 7 Ford avenue. Phone 7-F.

FOR SALE—House, barn and four acres of land at Oneonta Plains. Inquire 22 Church street.

FOR SALE—21 River street, house, equipped with furnace, range, toilet and stationary tubs. Commodious barn. Price \$1,500. Ceperey & Morgan.

FARMS—For sale or exchange. \$100,000, from a few acres up to 500 acres. Some of the best dairy farms in Oneonta, Delaware and Chenango counties. All kinds of poultry and truck gardening places. Ceperey & Morgan, 7 Ford avenue, Oneonta, N. Y.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FURNISHED ROOMS—All improvements, 14 Cherry street. Phone 1058-W.

TO RENT—One or two desirable rooms, steam heated and an attractive residence in best residential section of city, would be rented furnished with bath privileges, to satisfactory parties. Address for information, Mrs. W. S. Stilson, care Star.

AUTO OWNERS—Keep your engine in perfect condition by using J. M. Peavey lubricant carbon remover. Sold by W. L. Cook, 6 High street, Oneonta, N. Y.

WANTED—Old false teeth. Don't matter how old, \$5.00 to \$10.00 per set. Send by parcel post and receive check by return mail. Master, 207 South Fifth street, Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—Hay, cut and dry straw, either baled or loose, five full particulars. C. H. Fuller, Unadilla, N. Y.

WANTED—Young men not drafted, to be trained for industrial positions. Instruction absolutely free. Two, three and four-year courses; fine equipment, excellent instruction, positions practically assured; good salaries and advancement; present demand for teachers is five times the supply. Our particular study to Director H. B. Smith School of Practical Arts, State College for Teachers, Albany, N. Y.

EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY—Men of selling ability and address may secure exclusive city or county agency for automobile tire signal device of exceptional practicality, handling rapid sale. One hundred dollars cash or bonus required as security for sales. References exchanged and protection assured. Phone or write for booklet or call for demonstration. Green Hall Sales Corp., 100 E. 14th street, New York City.

WANTED—Second hand cash register, state size and price. L. S. Miller, Richmond Springs, N. Y.

WANTED—Tires and tubes, hot water bottles and rubber footwear to vulcanize. W. S. Ford, 40 Main street.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.

A NEW YORK manufacturing corporation is looking for a five, aggressive hustler to be their representative in this vicinity. A man capable of handling a device which is fully protected by patents and which can be sold to eight out of every ten users of automobiles or any kind of gasoline powered engines and who will make a contract giving him exclusive selling rights in a limited territory, a profit of 60 per cent will insure a wonderfully large return and in addition will enable him to establish a permanent business of his own. Knowledge of an automobile not essential. No investment is required except in a small quantity of readily and easily salable merchandise. Telephone Mr. Leslie, Number 48, between 8:30 a. m. and 2 o'clock p. m., or 5 and 8 today, for an appointment.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—Diamond ring, about one-half carat, tied in corner of lady's handkerchief. Finder return to The Star office and receive reward.

LOST—Left hand sheepskin lined glove. Reward if returned to Star office.

Sewing Machine Operators and Learners

Wanted

This is a splendid opportunity for competent young women to secure stable employment with a dependable organization, and those who desire permanent employment need apply.

Julius Kayser & Co.

Wall Street Oneonta, N. Y.

ONE CENT A WORD

HELP WANTED.

WANTED—Man and wife on farm for year. Address, stating experience, "Farm," care Star office.

WANTED—Man to work on farm. C. W. Moscrip, R. D. 2, Delhi, N. Y.

YOUNG MAN—Over 10, wanted at the Grove street greenhouses, at once.

WANTED—Conventions agent, "outstanding young woman to do clerical work and with the Georgia Hotel, taking charge of an office. Write education, experience, references, etc. Position will be open January 2, 1918. Address 37, care Star.

GIRLS WANTED—Experienced glove closers, steady work.

Also girls to learn glove making, liberal salary while learning.

Call today QUALITY SILK MILLS, Rouss's Annex.

WANTED—A middle aged woman to do general housework. Address M. care Star.

WORK WANTED.

WANTED—Situation to care for a middle-aged lady, or care for one or two children. Address Box 391, Delhi, N. Y.

MOVING—By auto truck, long or short hauls. Phone Johnson, 710-W, 18 Academy street.

WANTED—Orders for silver plating. Phone 111.

WANTED—Plumbers to frame, Ward's Art Shop, 140 Main street.

LACE CURTAINS LAUNDERED—22 Center street. Mrs. B. Kenyon. Phone 1024-W2.

WORK WANTED—Phone 301-W—Robles, the painter, for painting and papering.

HOME WANTED.

WANTED—To purchase a home, must be in good neighborhood, in good repair and with the money I would consider a double house. Address Home, care Star.

FURNISHED ROOMS.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping, with improvements. Inquire 83 Ford avenue.

FARMS WANTED.

WANTED—To rent a farm with 10 to 15 cows. Address Frank McCammon, North Franklin.

STORAGE.

CLEAN, DRY STORAGE TO RENT—A. B. Murdock, Market street.

LOANS.

LOANS MADE on good security. Lurvey, 234 Main street.

BOARDERS WANTED.

WANTED—Boarders at 6 No-ab-wa place.

RHEUMATISM VANISHES

From the pain ravaged body when its greatest foe, SAL-ODA, is taken. Each dose helps to rid the system of those deadly poisons which cause rheumatism. Why suffer the tortures of this dread disease when you can get swift, sure relief by taking SAL-ODA, the medicine made to overcome rheumatism in any form. Try one box. The results will prove to you, more than all the talk in the world, that rheumatism and its terrible pains can be relieved. Guaranteed to give relief or money back. For sale at all drug stores. Do not neglect those slight twinges of pain in your joints and muscles, they may result in a long seige of rheumatism and agonizing pains.

SUFFERING CATS! GIVE THIS MAN THE GOLD MEDAL

Let folks step on your feet hereafter; wear shoes a size smaller if you like, for corns will never again send electric sparks of pain through you, according to this Cincinnati authority.

He says that a few drops of a drug called Freezone, applied directly upon a tender, aching corn, instantly relieves soreness, and soon the entire corn, root and all, lifts right out.

This drug is a sticky ether compound, but dries at once and simply shrivels up the corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue.

It is claimed that a quarter of an ounce of Freezone obtained at any drug store will cost very little but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. Cut this out, especially if you are a woman reader who wears high heels.

Wyoming Seminary

College preparation and business. Graduates are entering Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Wesleyan and other leading universities. Graduates of the Business Department take two positions as book-keepers and secretaries. Departments of Vocal and Instrumental Music, Elocution, Art and Household Arts and Science offer best advantages. Military training for boys and young men. Able faculty of experienced teachers. First Semester opens September 15. Catalogue address, L. L. SPRAGUE, D. D., President, Kingston, Pa.

DELAWARE POMONA GRANGE

Holds Well-Attended Meeting at Bloomville Tuesday.

Sidney Center, Dec. 19. — The annual meeting of the Delaware County Pomona grange was held with the grange at Bloomville yesterday, and despite the weather and road conditions, there was a good attendance of delegates, fully 100 being present at the meeting, which was presided over by the ladies of the Bloomville grange. The principal business of the morning session was the election of officers for the ensuing two years and the election of delegates to the state grange, which convenes at Syracuse, February 5-8. The newly elected officers are: Arthur W. Rowell of Franklin, Master; Clark Frisbee of Bloomville, overseer; Mrs. Alvah Rowell of Downsview, lecturer; Alfred Carey of Delhi, steward; John Sharpe of South Kortright, assistant steward; Percy Bourne of Sidney, Chaplain; R. F. McIntosh of Delhi, treasurer; Blanche W. Sagerdorf of Sidney Center, secretary; M. L. Rutenber of Sidney Center, gate keeper; Mrs. J. B. Mattice of Bloomville, Ceres; Mrs. W. T. Gould of South Kortright, Pomona; Mrs. L. P. Frisbee of Delhi, Flora; Miss Mabelle Lloyd of Franklin, lady assistant steward. Mrs. Sagerdorf was elected delegate-at-large to the state grange. The other delegates elected are: W. T. Rye of South Kortright and Mrs. A. R. Sanford of Halcottville.

The afternoon session was an open one and was unusually interesting. The speakers were Rev. W. B. Chandler, J. C. Nesbitt, Editor R. P. McIntosh, Farm Bureau Agent E. G. Brougham and Miss L. Frances Clark, food conservation agent whose subject was "How Shall We Feed Our Families?" The remainder of the afternoon was given to the consideration of the questions submitted in the question box, which called forth lively discussion. At the evening session there was installation of officers and Fifth degree work. Eight candidates were given the full Fifth degree work and a pleasant social hour followed.

Y. M. C. A. BOWLING.

Braves Defeat Athletics and White Sox Defeat Cubs.

At the Y. M. C. A. alleys Monday evening the Braves won three straight games from the Athletics by the following score:

ATHLETICS.

Walker 136 117 140 232

Pedrone 127 144 130 391

Mitchell 144 115 135 364

VanWine 119 102 85 306

Davidson 104 120 135 359

Totals 600 598 615 1813

Team average 363.

WHITE SOX.

Denton, H. 153 118 112 383

Church 81 132 158 371

Benjamin 85 65 69 219

McLaurie 129 147 131 407

Dibble 100 100 100 300

Totals 548 562 570 1680

Team average 340.

On Tuesday evening the White Sox vanquished the Cubs. The score:

WHITE SOX.

Tarbox 140 95 115 350

Denton 124 149 100 373

Damaschke 100 100 100 300

Kniskern 100 100 100 300

Olds 138 160 111 439

Totals 662 604 556 1762

Team average 356.

CITY LEAGUE BOWLING.

Red Sox Defeat Giants Two Out of Three Games.

Tuesday night's bowling shows that there are some pin setters in the City league. The games were so close and exciting that they interested onlookers 'till the last man had finished. The Giants won the first game but the Red Sox rallied and captured the last two.

Red Sox.

Graves 145 223 221-589

McKean 183 181 151-515

Russ 201 170 183-554

Matteson 153 177 205-536

Totals 682 761 760 2293

Team average, 764 1-3.

Giants.

M. Babbitt 225 165 208-598

Thomas 185 156 158-499

A. L. Shaw 153 119 151-423

Hurley 161 164 158-483

Totals 724 694 675 2093

Team average, 687 2-3.

Special Bowling Match.

At the Oneonta alleys Tuesday evening the Five of Diamonds defeated the Five of Hearts by the following score:

FIVE OF DIAMONDS.

Walker 103 148 144 394

Pedrone 124 130 153 412

Mitchell 121 168 144 433

W. Denton 141 161 134 436

Davidson 150 127 437 414

Total 638 734 717 2089

Team average 696 1-3.

FIVE OF HEARTS.

H. Denton 97 166 119 352

R. Church 103 118 128 349

HOW ARMY STOOD FIRST SHELL FIRE

Meets Roar and Shrapnel Whistles Like Veterans.

MEN SHOWED GREAT NERVE

American Engineers Endure Ordeal of High Explosives With All the Cool Nerve of Experienced Regulars—Correspondent Tells of Coolness of Sammies in Their First Trying Situation Under Fire.

(Passed by Censor for Publication in America Only.)

"How did they face it?" was the question put to the commanding officer of the first battalion of American troops to come under shell fire.

"How would Americans face it?" he snapped back wrathfully.

Yet the question was a fair one. Seasoned British officers say they still feel nervous under shell fire.

"Young troops just out, when they get their first taste of it, sometimes feel pretty sick for a while, and show it. It's quite natural." So spoke an English officer who himself has lived under German shell fire so terrific that it was heard clear across the channel. The fact, then, that these young American engineers endured their first ordeal of high explosives with all the cool nerve of experienced regulars is worthy of mention.

A personal experience will indicate in a very mild way the kind of surprise and strain which successive batches of Sammies are now undergoing.

You are walking along a road cheerfully joking about the weight of your tin hat, or about the uncanny feeling which comes from knowing that in some observation post behind the twisting white lines on the ridge opposite a German officer is watching you with his telescope. Back of you hidden British guns are cracking methodically.

It is a "quiet day" along the front. Your attitude is that of an idle spectator watching some vast, slow-moving natural phenomenon. That human lives are involved in the spectacle hardly occurs to you, much less that your own is concerned in the drama.

Entire Party Stops. Suddenly, with nerve-shattering unexpectedness, the menacing wall of an approaching shell stops the whole party. Every fiber in your body vibrates harshly in the metallic key set by the shell.

You feel like a trapped animal. There is a violent jar in the air and earth, a roar, shell fragments whistle about your ears, and the road behind you is wrapped in a heavy pall of black smoke and dust.

Before you are conscious of safety

from that shell, another is shrieking in the air toward you, and still a third is on its way.

"Damn it, they're after us," says the officer in charge of the party. "Scatter out in the field each side of the road! And if the shell is coming very close, throw yourself flat on the ground quick! Take to a shell hole only if there's one near. You only have a second or two!"

Every shell seems shrieking at you. The sky seems hard, the atmosphere tense, the fields crudely shelterless, and every shell holo a mocking omen of what's going to happen to you next. To the tune of the first shell or two you inwardly make a last will and testament. Then you manage to adjust yourself mentally to the situation, and move on again noting where the shells explode and analyzing your own feelings.

Do It All Mentally. You do all that mentally. But nervously you are high strung to the breaking point.

The nerve strain comes out when the party finally reaches the veritable heaven—a trench. Knees are universally weak. Everybody sits down awkwardly in the mud. Faces are flushed, foreheads perspiring, and you use two or three matches to light one cigarette, which promptly you toss aside after a disinterested puff or two.

That is roughly what the first experience has been like to each individual Sammy. The terrific nervous tension is inevitable.

It is under just such nervous tension that these young American engineers, fresh from shop benches and office desks, have been quietly keeping at work day after day here with all the coolness of old-time soldiers.

Using American Methods.

Americans are introducing American business methods into the jungles, writes a correspondent. They find out what the Germans paid for certain animals and then give the natives the same amount. They justify this method on the strength of the fact that the natives get as much for the animals as if they were sold to Germans, although the Americans declare that the Germans have been making huge profits.

Neglected Colds bring Pneumonia

CASCARA QUININE

The old family remedy—in tablet form—safe, sure, easy to take. No opiate—no unpleasant after effects. Cures colds in 24 hours—Grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box, with Red Top and Mr. Hill's picture on it. 24 Tablets for 25c. At Any Drug Store.

Our Christmas Pudding

Perhaps the most heroic attempt to keep Christmas in conventional fashion under unconventional conditions was that made by the late Lord Wolseley, when a young officer, in the trenches before Sebastopol during the Crimean war sixty years ago. He and his comrades decided that the Christmas should be a plum pudding. The "pudding" was compounded of biscuits, grease and such fruit as could be obtained, the ingredients being mixed in a fragment of a Russian shell. Wrapped in a cloth, it was boiled for some hours, and a tasty reminder of the great festival was eagerly looked forward to by the hungry officers. But before the pudding was considered "cooked" orders came transferring Wolseley and his tent companions to a distant part of the works.

Should they leave the pudding until their return or eat it as it was? They were hungry, and the latter course was decided upon. The "pudding" was duly swallowed, and away they went in obedience to orders. Late that night Wolseley was troubled with internal disturbances that necessitated the doctor's kindly ministrations. It seemed, said the future field marshal, as if pieces of Russian shell were rolling against each other inside. It was the only pudding, the first and last, he ever made.

RANCH WAS CHEAP

One Containing 500 Acres Brought Only \$2.

Five hundred acres of land on Cottonwood creek, near Red Bluff, Cal., known as the old Elmore place, were sold the other day under execution by the sheriff to D. D. Dodson, editor of the Red Bluff Sentinel, for \$2. Dodson was witnessing the sale and jokingly bid \$2. The bid was not raised, and the property was proclaimed sold. The original owners have one year in which to redeem, and no doubt will. The ranch is assessed at \$3 per acre.

Father and Son in Double Wedding. Clyde G. Byers, forty-five years old, and his son, Vance, were married in a double ceremony recently at Grand Haven, Mich. Miss Jeanette Williams became the father's bride and Miss Margaret Reading was wedded to the son. All four live in Chicago.

PORTABLE PHONE FOR WOODS

How Forest Ranger Can "Cut In" Anywhere on Long Lines.

A forest officer of Missoula, Mont., has invented a very ingenious portable telephone, weighing only two and a half pounds and so practical that it has been adopted by the government and is part of the regular equipment of patrol in the national forests this season.

It is said that a field man equipped with this telephone, a few yards of light emergency wire and a short piece of heavy wire to make the ground connection can "cut in" anywhere along the more than 20,000 miles of forest service telephone lines and get in touch with the headquarters of a supervisor or district ranger. To talk, one end of the emergency wire is thrown over the telephone line, the two ends are connected to the portable instrument, and the instrument is connected to the ground wire, the end of which must be thrust into the damp earth or in water. Contact with the line wire is made possible by removal of the insulation from a few inches of the emergency wire.

The instrument, writes E. L. G. in St. Nicholas, does not ring the bell of the receiving telephone, but instead causes a screaming sound from a small megaphone-shaped apparatus descriptively known as a "howler." This instrument is installed at the ranger station telephone and is said to give effective notice that someone is on the wire. The transmission is equal to any standard wall telephone, conversations having held with it for a distance of 1,000 miles.

Legs Didn't Meet. Dickie was out playing on a damp, cold morning dressed in a thin suit and short socks. Later he entered the house vainly trying to pull his little trouser leg down to reach his sock, and said to his mother: "Dickie's all warm, mamma, 'cept where his legs don't meet."

Pyorigg

HIS EYE SKINNED FOR 20 YEARS

Well-Known Expert Makes a New Find. New York, N. Y.—T. B. Elker, widely and favorably known throughout the country as an expert on new discoveries, announced today, through the Burrell Chemical Co., New York city, that he has found a formula he had been on the lookout for for 20 years, which he has reason to believe is an infallible treatment of so-called filag disease, receding gums, bleeding gums and loose teeth. The new prescription comes in the form of a medicated massage ointment called pyorigg, which stays where it is put, unaffected by saliva, and is being dispensed in original packages, price one dollar, at best drug stores, including George S. Slade in Oneonta.

Every Man Must Surely Have Good Clothes for Christmas

Good Clothes on a man are among the first essentials of a Merry Christmas; this is the age of sensible genuine gifts, and this store aims at genuineness all the way through—in fabrics, fashions, fineness of workmanship and good service.

The Finest Christmas Present a Man Can Get Is Club Clothes Suit or Overcoat At \$12.00 to \$25.00

Our store also has other gifts that men really want

Bath Robes	\$4 to \$7.50
Mackinaw Coats	\$5 to \$10
Cloth and Fur Caps	50c to \$5
Bags and Suit Cases	\$1.50 to \$15
Silk Mufflers	50c to \$4
The Finest of Neckwear	" to \$1.50
Work or Dress Gloves	" to \$2.50
The Best of Hosiery	15c to 50c
Boy's Suits and Overcoats	\$3.50 to \$10
The Finest of Dress Shirts	75c to \$5
Everything in Underwear	75c to \$4

Come and see how many things we can show you that would be just right for "His" Christmas.

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YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

This year will no doubt be selected with a thought toward necessary and useful articles. We purchased our Christmas stock with this in mind and you will find our store full of gifts that are both necessary and useful.

Decorated Dinner Sets

In open stock and in complete sets — just the thing for your wife or mother. Sets from \$8.95 up. Many sets in stock on which we have made no advance in price.



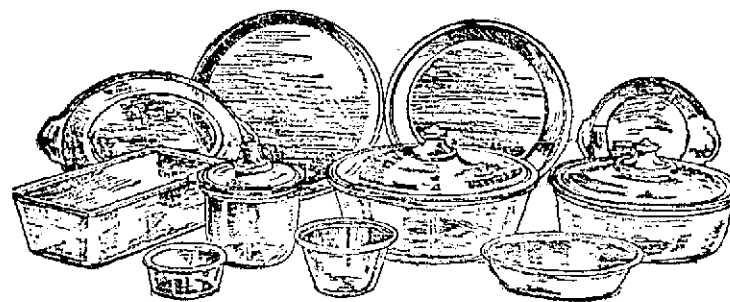
Don't forget the children. Nothing takes the place of a DOLL for a little girl. We have a good stock of Dolls now, but don't wait. We can get no more this season.

Electric, Gas and Oil Lamps

Always useful and acceptable gifts. A very large assortment to select from.

Cut Glass, Chafing Dishes, Coffee Percolators, Tea Ball, Tea Pots, Casseroles—Brass Desk Sets and smokers' articles; hand painted Nippon China, etc. Our usual large assortments at reasonable prices.

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One of the most popular articles of kitchen ware at the present time—absolutely sanitary. Our stock comprises Pie Plates, Bread Pans, Cake Pans, Casseroles, Pudding Dishes, Custards, Ramikens, Bean Pots, Etc.

We are wholesale and retail agents for Community Silver, as well as for 1847 Rogers Bros., and show a large assortment of both.



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209 Main Street, Oneonta, N. Y. Wholesale and Retail

GREET'S GERMAN SHELL AS JOKE

How Pershing Men Conduct Themselves in Trenches.

JUST MISS GENERAL'S AUTO

Chauffeur Ducks Head, Don't "Tin Hat" and Sticks to Wheel—Labyrinth of Trenches Is Just Like Main Street to American Soldiers—Gun Forces Huns to Lose Laundry.

"The Boche just came close enough," was the way a certain American colonel smilingly described the visit of a German shell which recently struck his headquarters.

The colonel at that time was working in his "office" at headquarters, a chateau near the trenches. Orderlies were coming and going. A dozen officers were working in various rooms. Suddenly the German shell crashed into the roof and exploded half way down the second floor.

The explosion smashed windows everywhere and scattered a rain of plaster over the colonel's bed.

Two minutes later we found the colonel standing on his steps looking the building over and gingerly handling some hot fragments of the shell. One hour before the German shell struck home an American general had left his automobile near the chateau and walked 100 yards away, when a shell struck near the car. The automobile was showered with mud and stones. The American army chauffeur ducked his head, donned his "tin hat" and stuck to his wheel.

A zig-zagging ditch, walled in with hand woven twigs, khaki-clad Sammys standing on the firing step—this is America's first line.

Know Trench Labyrinth.

It winds like a brown scar across the face of the hill. Sammys, peering cautiously over the parapet, have an unobstructed view across a valley in where the Boche is sulking in his own front line trenches.

America's front line in the land branch of the battle for democracy isn't just a plain ditch. To the uninitiated it is a labyrinth of twists and turns and holes and mounds. But to Sammy, it is as simple as Main street, back home. He knows every dugout, every traverse, every listening post.

Standing on the fire-step at one place in the trench beside a Nebraska soldier, I strained by eyes across death valley to where the enemy holds forth. It was a dank, tangled tangle. Weeds run wild for three years, luxuriated there. A battered village stands midway, awaiting the day of reclamation. It was still. Not a sign of move-

ment showed anywhere. Nothing moved over where the German trenches were.

Suddenly an American gun cracked twice. Shells shuffled instantaneously over us and detonated "over there" in wriggly puffball fashion. Perhaps unseen Boches were sent scurrying underground by its wicked fragments.

A crow wheeling in midair was struck by a bit of this shrapnel. It dropped to the earth like a plummet. "There ain't any use writing about that to the home folks," said the tall Nebraska soldier. "They wouldn't believe me if I told it to 'em."

We passed on down the trench. A Memphis (Tenn.) machine gunner was our next acquaintance.

"There are plenty of ducks in Death valley," he volunteered, after someone had mentioned the crow incident. "There's a small lake midway over No Man's Land, and they gather around there."

From somewhere an American sniper's rifle cracked the deep stillness and then quiet settled down again. In growing shadows we passed on down the trench. As we stopped, there came abruptly the unmistakable whistling of shells, then instantly three bangs as the three shots struck a hundred yards away, near the first line. There were no casualties.

Immediately the American guns took up the challenge, measure for measure. Then it was quiet again.

That brief interchange suggested inquiry as to what took place in the first lines when shells came over. A Wyoming boy proudly showed his dug out.

Huns Lose Their Laundry. "It accommodates thirty-eight of us, also a million rats," he remarked with a grin. "And I forgot the dozen or so cats."

We passed still farther along—and got by a machine-gun post just in time to see the little death-dealer rattle a rarely barrage over against a German village where the Boches were seen to be hanging out their shirts on a clothesline. The Huns fled—leaving their laundry.

Reaching the end of the American sector, we turned to the rear. A tomb like stillness reigned at that moment. It was so quiet that the loudest sound was the water splashing and swishing under the "duck-boards" (lattice work pavements) beneath our feet.

Half an hour later the lull was broken. The Boches started a sudden spasm of artillery. They hurled 50 shrapnel shells with a drum-fire speed—25 a minute, perhaps. Distant thumps and red flashes near us showed the American gun volley sent painstakingly in reply.

Then it was still again.

To Brighten Wood.

Don't use soap and water on your kitchen woodwork if it is varnished. A solution of kerosene and water may be "smelly" for a little while, but it brightens up the natural wood wonderfully.

BUSTLE IS FROWNED UPON

Fate of American Creation Still in the Balance With the Conservative Parisian Couturiers.

Coming bustles cast their shadows behind them. And as yet they cast them in the most shrinking, unobtrusive way, as though afraid of identification. That, indeed, is precisely the case, asserts Vogue. As a truly American innovation, and the one fashion surprise of the season, they are, for the most part, advancing—if the retiring bustle may be said to advance—upon women, under ambush. They disguise themselves in wide sash bows, sash ends and soft draperies. Comparatively few venture abroad with simple dress suits. For the most part, they take advantage of the disguises made possible by more elaborate gowns for the soft materials of the season lend their aid and make lovely effects possible.

Despite this advantage, however, the bustle is frowned upon by conservative couturiers, and its fate is still in the balance.

Flanders Always in Limelight.

No part of Europe has a more romantic or a more militant history than that stretch of land between Calais and the Scheldt over which the counts of Flanders held sway for hundreds of years. There is, indeed, no century in the Christian era in which Flanders has not figured in the world's history of peace and war. Even as far back as the first century when it formed part of the Roman province of Belgica Secunda this region was distinguished for its industrial towns, which were remarkable for their large populations and democratic rule.



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Some Christmas Legends

There is a Bosnian legend that the sun leaps in the heavens and the stars dance around it. A great peace comes stealing down over mountain and forest. The rotten stumps stand straight and green on the hillside. The grass is deflowered with blossoms, and the birds sing on the mountain tops in thanks to God. In Poland the heavens open and Jacob's ladder is set up between earth and sky. In Austria the candles are set in the window that the Christ Child may not stumble when he comes to bless the home. In north Germany the tables are spread and the lights left burning for the incoming of the Virgin Mary and her attending angels.

The English superstition is admirably voiced by the myriad minded Shakespeare in "Hamlet":

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Lord's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawn singeth all night long.
And then they say no spirit can
The walk abroad
The night is wholesome. Then
No planets strike,
No fairy takes, nor witch hath
Power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is the time

Origin of Alfalfa.

Alfalfa is a Spanish word used as the common name for medicago sativa. It is a foreign plant now naturalized and well known in many parts of the United States. The plant itself is of Asiatic origin, and from there was introduced into Mexico and South America by the Spaniards 800 or 400 years ago. In 1854 it was brought from Chile to San Francisco and has since become one of the principal forage crops of the far western and some of the southwestern states. It is estimated that about 25 per cent of the tame hay and nearly 20 per cent of all the hay, tame and wild, now produced in the United States, is alfalfa. On this basis the production of alfalfa hay in 1916 was nearly 23,000,000 tons.

Why White Corn is Cheapest Food.

Those who have made careful study of the nutritive properties of various grains and foods, agree that white corn is the most satisfactory. It is also the cheapest. Figures quoted by the Literary Digest show that one pound of cornmeal, hominy, or grits is equal in food value to one pound of wheat flour, one pound of rice, one and one-half pounds of cheese, two and three-quarter pounds of round steak, two dozen eggs, one half peck of potatoes, six pints of milk.

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TO RED CROSS POT

Donation of Precious Metal Goes to Help Democracy Overcome Kaiserism.

There's a melting pot for the Red Cross in Washington and its latest contributor is President Wilson. He has directed through devious channels that a contribution of precious metal "to help democracy overcome kaiserism" should be placed in the pot. The contribution came to the White House and it consisted of a small envelope of tiny platinum filaments—five times or more the value of so much gold—taken out of electric light bulbs by the donor with much patience. He did not know where to send it and therefore put it up to the president, as many other Americans who have problems they do not know how to solve.

The president sent the contribution to the artillery ammunition section, gun division, office of the chief of ordnance, United States army. Thence it was transmitted to the American Red Cross, which in turn sent it on to the District of Columbia branch of the Red Cross, next going into the Red Cross melting pot.

The donor is George A. Dressler, a postman of Salem, O.

How to Cure Stammering.

Lisping and stammering, according to Popular Science Monthly, are separate imperfections of speech which require entirely different treatment.

Lispers, for instance, can be cured in a short time by tongue and palate gymnastics. They "lisp" simply because they do not work their tongue and palate properly. By making the child speak before a mirror, however, the teacher can correct these mistakes.

Stammering is a nervous disorder which cannot be cured so easily. The pupil involuntarily applies too much force at certain parts of the vocal organs, causing the stuttering and a sputtering with which we all are familiar. The cure is to relieve the overworked parts by distributing the energy evenly. This is learned by pronouncing certain flowing sounds in front of a candle until the flame does not flicker.

To Destroy Rats.

Here is a suggestion for a simple, inexpensive, sure mode of destruction for rodents: Take an ordinary cork from a bottle, slice it to the thickness of a dime, smear it with a piece of lard, fry it to a brown color and put a little salt on it. Then you have rat con. A rat will chew and try to swallow it, but that is as far as he gets. The cork sticks in his throat and he cannot get it lower or out. He will run for water to wash it down. That's the important part. He dies outside the house.



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